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'Dion has integrity, honesty, courage and wisdom. And he is a gentleman. Leave him alone!'

THE 'FUSS' ABOUT BIGOTRY

MACLEAN'S AND WRITER Marie Perle have again managed to make the sensitive subjects of immigration, multiculturalism, religion and race in a forthright, balanced and sensitive manner ("Canada: A nation of bigotry?" National, Oct. 22). Allow me to add some comments. Quebec is equally sensitive to secularization by multiracial and multiculturalism. The reason reason stems from its unique singularity of having been a French speaking, Catholic dominated society for so long. Quebecers feel threatened, culturally, by other Canadians of the English speaking variety and its expanded reach in the last 30 to 40 years creating a powerful legal system to shield itself from the pernicious influence of English Canadian dominance. Having succeeded in this effort, it is not hard to imagine its resistance to other foreign influences, be they religion or (what I wish in many cases is the same thing), or other ethnic or racial groups. Any one alien to its way of life, while Quebecers profess to be fond from the former struggle of the Catholic Church, religion and culture is so intertwined that it cannot be easily separated. Change takes time. Still, as an immigrant myself, I feel justified in saying that if you are an immigrant, you have no right to demand that your host province or country change its laws and practices to fit your needs. If you don't like what you see, before you truly are a refugee, then a sure shot road back when you came.

Signeard Routh, Mississauga, Ont

I FIRMLY BELIEVE that laws and regulations should apply equally to all with no favored treatment given to any one group. Prejudicial treatment is not only infinitely unfair, but it breeds widespread resentment and unrest Patrick Lee, Wilmot, Ont.

CULTURAL ACCOMMODATION and the principles of multiculturalism are not new. It is necessary to attract immigrants to a young country. The realpolitik of accommodation need not have definitive peak in the late 1960s when a liberal politics and the drifting of the Charter of Rights did allow liberal judicial intervention to accommodate various religious and ethnic groups. Canada's multiculturalism is confident in itself for easy reasons, some purely evolutionary and some economic. Can

adians of all cultural backgrounds want to assert themselves as Canadians supposed to be the liberal and open-minded Canadians. The country is evolving past the liberal apathy and conservative special interest groups. We are now defining a new country and we expect loyalty and respect of laws and institutions as part of a dialogue that will determine the future of a confident and assertive new Canada.

Larry Robinson, White Rock, B.C.

I WAS HUGGLED at the reaction of people to the wearing of the hijab, which was originally meant as a protection for women from the lecherous glances of men. What is more outrageous, and should be decried from, is the blatant exhibition of missionary glands.



and things, which is shameful and unbecoming. The outpouring of anger over something so trivial is to stifle and repress. Off with us to education, if we are unable to control our behavior ourselves. It is an expression of a civilized people. Canada needs immigrants. Period. How would the housing trust, banks and supermarkets flourish without their support? Even if immigrants conform to the rather nebulous Canadian culture, it will in no way alter the economic divide that exists, which is in turn responsible for the anger that currently prevails.

Marie Jacob, Mississauga, Ont

AS A VISIBLE IMMIGRANT who has lived in Canada for 13 years, I think that you misperceive a little. Yes, there are a few bigots and

coming across them is very hard. On the other hand, I go through life day after day, week after week without anyone making me Noone complains when I buy a home, where I shop, where I eat and where I send kids to school. No one asks if the doctor or the teacher or the accountant is an immigrant or not. If a tiny minority of immigrants who want to live in Canada as they lived at home were ready to adjust one inch in such as Canada can do for them, all this fuss would vanish in a few days if the miscreants could be put in a few days in the desert. See further down, Calgary

FROM THEIR VERY WORDS of the 19th century when the government attempted to force blacks, to the treatment of Japanese Canadians, to the present day treatment of religious minorities, we have been a nation of bigots, liars and bigotry in Canada might not be as loud as an automobile siren in the U.S., but it is typical of people in this country to treat the grandsons of English immigrants as a traitor of Canadians than the granddaughters of those who arrived here from Africa by way of the U.S. almost a generation earlier. In fact, this country has had a long history of being populated by people of different colors, cultures and faiths and it is about time that Canadians make up and accept the facts. The strength of this country comes from the diversity of its people and nothing else.

Thomas Green, Edmonton

PLEASE TELL ME when you will stop using the word colonialism. When you are discussing renowned cultural traditions, the word should be accepted. "Colonialism has had its day, it is not a word that must be welcomed or rejected, it is a word that must be left behind. Perhaps if Maclean's started using the term acceptance, it would change. Why not try it?" Allison May, Ottawa

WHEN WE TALK about bigots, cognitive immigrants living in Quebec? Quebecers have been cultural and religious bigots for decades. W. J. McCarroll, New Brunswick, B.C.

THE RECENT RUMOR by Elements Canada that allows Muslim women to cut a veil in an election without exposing their face for the purpose of identification is, in my opinion, an example of political correctness gone



THE HAJAB is not a problem, a reader says. Muslim multiculturalism, on the other hand, is.

berserk. Would anyone please explain the following? Before Muslim immigrants were admitted to Canada, they must have had a valid passport or some other acceptable identification document that showed their faces. It is about time that those of us who love Canada begin screaming "enough is enough!" Jerry J. Kowalski, Ottawa

FIRST, I READ your editorial and your book about how you clearly support Conservative Leader John Tory's far-right agenda, which I and the majority of Ontario clearly disagree with. "Equality in education," from the Editors, Oct. 1. Then, in this week's magazine, which recently arrived the day after the provincial election, your cover blares "Are we becoming a nation of bigots?" I had the eerie feeling of being tricked. Ken Nadeau, Oakville, Ont

IS THERE a nation of neo bigots somewhere? Denis Haworth, Capetown, E.C.

BELITTILING DION

I AM PROUD to be a Liberal. It is not time to refrain from emigrating and belittling Stephen Harper ("Dion of the living dead," National, Oct. 1, "Prime time drama: was this Dion's worst day ever?" Comment, Oct. 2). The media has been ridiculous in the pursuit of this drama. It all reminds me of the way in which Robert Kennedy and Joe Clark were made the butt of cruel and petty jokes. These men showed integrity, honesty, courage and wisdom. Dion has integrity, honesty, courage and wisdom and is a gentleman. Leave him alone! Dorothy Reynolds, Kingston, Ont

FESCHUK'S CONTRASTS

A REMINDING APPARATUS and criticism of the politics and performance of an individual in public life is one thing, a vicious attack

on the intelligence, abilities, honesty and integrity of the Prime Minister of Canada is quite another ("Liberal vs. Harper: Mo-one-jos," Comment, Oct. 13). The recent spinball, crafted by Harper's Scott Feschuk was unjustified. Surely the practice of self-censorship and professional ethics in reporting has not been abandoned by your editors? Neil Manning, Leithbridge, Alta.

BRAVO FOR INTRODUCING your readers to the retrospective writings of Scott Feschuk. He takes us on a lyrical, cerebral journey each week he writes. His serious and comedic bent on the world is in stark contrast to the depressing bookends that surround it. Let's have less of the condescending, self-indulgent, introspective diatribes on the privileged existence of Barbara Amiel et al., and more observations of the real world of Scott Feschuk. Keith Johnson, Kelowna, B.C.

THE UNION SIDE

WE KNOW VLB is interested in your story about our best places to work ("Canada's Top 100 employers," Special Report, Oct. 2). But you failed to point out an obvious and important fact. The benefits provided by many employers as the lure are the result of a collective bargaining relationship that exists between the employer and their employees and their unions. We were pleased to see many employers on the list where we represent their employees. The Media's list reinforces what numerous academic studies have concluded: unionized workplaces are among the most productive, healthy and successful in Canada. It's disappointing that you failed to mention this fact.

Larry Brown, National Secretary-Treasurer of the National Union of Public and General Employees, Ottawa

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A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF SAID JAZIRI

Last Monday, the outspoken Muslim cleric—a Montreal imam who lived on his Canadian refugee status—was deemed a flight risk and thrown in jail. On Sunday, the Federal Court refused to hear a last ditch appeal, paving the way for his deportation to Tunisia. The next day, during a stopover in Portugal, Jaziri fell to the ground and started screaming. His five Canadian escorts led him back to the plane in handcuffs. Jaziri later told reporters that he was tortured and "molested."

Good news

Rolling back prices

Roads to big bonuses like Wal-Mart and Canadian Tire for cashing in on the success of their new dollar store. Most retailers—despite the efforts of Finance Minister Jim Flaherty—have been reluctant to follow suit, blaming every thing from local market pressures to suppliers. But those minutes simply don't fly. As the U.S. greenback continues to dive, Canadian investors desire to reap the benefits. If any retailers won't oblige it's their loss. Consumers are more than happy to take their business online or across the border. Do it, Wal-Mart.

Sensible disclosure

the Attorney General, the Supreme Court of Canada confirmed the use of security certificates, albeit not the provisions that allow authorities to detain and deport foreign actors accused of terrorism. The court said that the process was unconstitutional because detainees were not allowed to testify in evidence. Eight months later, the Conservative government has introduced a bill that will remove the system, calling for a provision that allows a "typical abuser" to view the film and three others contained with the accused. The new bill will strip a false balance between the rights of the citizens and the protection of national security. Ironically, these new laws were unveiled because Ottawa considered them to be so much of an embarrassment to be scrapped, if not re-written, directly. But the reality is that they have languished in jail for so long that they must not go through their depuration. The film will gladly sit on its shelf in all—first as long as they should a place back long as

Distractions galore

It is a great time to be a sports fan, both in Canada and abroad. The Buffalo Bills are having a

Bad news

The capital of rude

The gracelessness of Quebec's Period, when almost any occasion, however faint, passes muster as long as it's prefaced by the phrase "Mr. Speaker," appears to be erasing. An etiquette test conducted by Reader's Digest Canada, which dispatched under-cover reporters to 15 cities, finds Ottawa as our most basic (polite) Monsoon capped the list, while Calgary and Vancouver tied for second. Staff conducted a cover three-part studies: do people

has driven up the cost of food to the point that oil shortages are moot. Corn prices have already jumped 60 per cent in the past two years, thanks to the growing capacity of heavily subsidized American ethanol producers. As more and more corn is diverted away from humans and livestock food industries it is headed for new highs, the report says. So much for all those billions of dollars that governments continue to feed the ethanol industry.

Exit strategies

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's recent Throne Speech predicts Afghan troops could be trained and ready to replace foreign forces, including Canada's, by 2012. But our allies don't seem to share that optimism. British troops report already preparing to send more soldiers to Afghanistan to fill the gap if Canadian and Dutch troops leave. British commanders also foresee a 30-year mission in the war-torn region—25 years longer than Harper's latest time table. Somebody has it worse.

Big(ot) Idea

Earlier this year, Hérouville-Quey, a helped trigger the "massive accommodation" debate, now raging is that provoked by preparing a "code of life" that would bar immigrants from joining people to education or creating new women. Now, the village's municipal councillor, André Drouin, is trumpeting Québec sovereignty as an effective way of keeping the religious dogmatists of "outsiders" at a real

Fuel for thought

The benefits of ethanol fuel as an alternative to oil are debatable at best. Now, a report from CIBC World Markets concludes that the corn-based energy source

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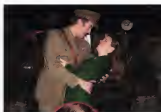
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HARPER MADE PAGES TAKE EXTRA EXAM

The pregame of the event was a bit of a burlesque for the newspaper's literary pages. They had to take an extra exam to ensure they could still recognize MEY before the new season started. That most pages were excited to have a Throne Speech on their first day and volunteered in their off hours to be in on the action. The Throne Speech was good news for all security Mags and their shifts in 7 p.m., so it was time and a half as Michaela Jean read on and on. "This session also started with live Tory MP's Robyn Jaffer (Edmonton-Strathcona) and Helena Georg (Brampton-Gore) got engaged in Jupiter, Alta., just before Parliament resumed. Georgia says the wedding date "will be determined by Sublime Dion"—they're engaged and they know when there will be an election. Already, women in the Tory caucus are planning a shower for Georgia. No word yet on Jaffer's behavior party. "My whole life has been a bachelor party so I don't know if I really need one," joked Jaffer. One government perk they can't use is being each other's designated travel companion—part of every MP's budget. When Olivia Chow was elected as MP and moved with her husband, NDP leader Jack Layton, she lost that benefit. "Married couples in Parliament seven days a week," says Chow. "But Jaffer and Georgia can't look forward to an MP spouse pin. Layton has one, he won't let Chow's first day in the House intrude on his own MP pin."

Also new this fall is Robyn Dhillon's assistant, Bryn Mc-

NEPS Jaffer and Georgia, (over) who's carrying Robyn Dhillon's bag?



denko, who gets to hold the Ontario Liberal MP's new silver leather Duke it. Goldstone puns. But, Henshilda has a strict rule: "I'll hold the bag only when he has done something. This was the policy he had when working for Kelly Fry—who also has a newatched. The Minister MP now drops around what looks like a real leather carry-on luggage vehicle. Fry, a real and decent, says she used up with shoulder pain.

CASHING IN ON LORD ELGIN'S SLEIGH

Over \$90,000 was raised at the 2007 History Costume Ball for the National Collections Fund, which buys items for the Canadian Museum of Civilization and the Canadian War Museum. Last year, the money bought items of the century Canadian furniture. This year, eyes are on a collection owned by Lord Elgin, Canada's governor general in the mid-19th century, who helped make the action movie *Elizabeth*. The suit is in his name, Scotland, and apparently the sleigh he rode from Rideau Hall to Parliament is in good shape. Heritage Minister Jeanne Vanier showed up to the bash wearing a black box. Attendees were dressed up in vintage '20s, '30s and '40s duds.

STROMACH'S NET WORTH MORE?

Speaker Peter Milliken is hosting a fundraising on Oct. 30 for the Buy-A-Net Malaria Prevention Group, based out of his Kingston, Ont., riding. As with Behrde Stroma's and Rick Mercer's Spend The Net initiative (which was started later), the goal is to raise money to buy bed nets to prevent malaria. The Spend The Net nets are sold in 100,000 and 200,000, but the Buy-A-Net nets, which go to Uganda, are only \$6. Buy-A-Net founder and nurse Debra Lofthouse says bed purchases are a rising dollar got their price down. Over 350 million nets are needed to cover all of Africa. ■

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An eternal struggle between church and state



BARBARA AMIEL

Last summer, I went to church on Chicago's south side. Solon Bynum is the home of the Rev. James T. Mesite, who is also a member of the Illinois State Senate—an effective fusion of church and politics. The service in a hip-hoppy space had a few thousand people (plus a cheering choir, not counting the hundreds of thousands watching live on television). On a TV screen, you could see the pool where children and adults were taking total immersion baptisms. Communion, at least I think it was communion—perhaps it was a drink to keep our strength up after several hours of energetic singing and praying—was served in packages of fruit juice given out on a wagon only from Under Meebs' organizing. Joel's baptism was being filmed, and, as in these neighborhood churches, one in three neighborhood children are enrolled in literacy programs, and prison terms are rare in its bathroom. God works in mysterious ways.

Living in America means one to the full barrage of pre-election campaigning, where the most cited undecided candidate is God. "Is there anyone on the stage who doesn't believe in evolution?" asked the TV moderator in last May's Republican candidates debate, and three hundred up there there was the incredibly popular Mike Huckabee, former governor of Arkansas, who after reasoning evolution remarked that "If any one wants to believe that we're descended from primates, they're welcome to it." Candidates who didn't actually put their hands up made sure they kept God clearly on the map. John McCain's father in the Grand Canyon had revealed to him at sunset: "the head of God." "Our rights come from God, not the government," said Ford Thompson, actor and former senator from Tennessee.

A belief in God is everywhere to make itself, in a country that is so determinedly secular, where a little Wisconsin girl in second grade

was herself frontloading her volunteers in the classroom like the rest of her classmates because hers said "Jesus loves you," this intense religiously curious. God would not come up in a Canadian election, nor in any European one that I know. American money loan the words "In God we trust," the *Flag of Allegiance* refers to our country "under God," though that was declared unconstitutional in California in 1962, then technically decided by the Supreme Court in 2004—a court which, incidentally, began its daily sessions with the marshal declaring "God save the United States and this Honorable Court."

Religion wants and waxes in the public consciousness, but it and repels America. Cynical political observers put all this down to wooing the Christian right, and indeed, last weekend in Washington, the Family Research Council held its Value Voters Summit during which the Republican candidates called for their support. Why, I wonder, does religion play so significant a role in American politics?

Over 150 years ago, the French thinker Alexis de Tocqueville visited America and the

the New World seeking tolerance. Anti-slavery, Puritans, Methodists. When schisms divided mainstream Christianity, largely over slavery, Baptists and abolitionists formed the political Southern Baptist Convention.

Paradoxically, America managed to keep this religiosity alive through a series of advances to separation of church and state. Not so much of a paradox, really, as Gary Wills explains in his fascinating new book *Head and Heart: American Christianity*. By separating church and state, a thousand sects were able to proselytize and flourish. Now, when Americans share affairs (as in its current embrace of pornography), the response is to heighten religious activities. Similarly, when the courts go to ban or restrain a suspension of church and state and remove a picture of George Washington kneeling in prayer at Valley Forge from a teacher's classroom bulletin board, but leave alone articles on Iraq and Maya religious practices, reinforced religiosity rises up.

In the happy American lives, religion was a quiet business, a reasonable child of the Enlightenment, content to enjoy its homogeneity. With the advent of nuclear terrorism, the other face of America's religiosity began to show—mainstreamed everywhere. In the Old South, its rise coincided with black emancipation. The successful and right movement central to it was for these whites in the bosom of America's social legal layer (one who had been entering comfortably



If government policy is faith-based, and the war is God's war, what happens if you lose?

reminds me his famous book *Democracy in America*. "The religious atmosphere of the country," he wrote "was the first drag that struck me on arrival." His remark, precisely, that the effect on American politics would be to counteract "the insinuating and wandering spirit," since any political party would feel it necessary to always have "an appearance of morality and would not openly shock the religious beliefs." The religious roots of the land are clear enough. The English Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth Rock in the 17th century were a dominant sect of the Anglican Church. Lord Baltimore founded the colony of Maryland essentially as a refuge for Roman Catholics. The Quaker William Penn took the land Charles II gave him in payment for a family debt, and his "Sylvania" was created as a model of religious tolerance for all sects. Various religious sects came to

on top of blacks, evoking God in the safety for segregation. These descendants left such racist behind, but extreme evangelism was handed new causes on a platter when nation raised to personal moral issues like abortion, stem cell research, euthanasia and other hot buttons.

Extreme evangelists also embraced the war in Iraq as the fight against Satan, yet another cause why this election has become God-heavy. As Wills asks, if government policy is faith-based and the war is God's war, what happens should you lose? One hopes, first, that this question isn't so urgent, and secondly, that the predicament posed by this question will terrify America's current brand of religiosity. A war double for America God willing. ■

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Designer Karl Lagerfeld and the fashion house Fendi recently hosted a first: a fashion show staged on top of the Great Wall of China. Actresses Kate Winslet, Zhang Ziyi and Thandie Newton, drilling power brokers and a host of New York socialites saw 48 models walk down a runway 88 m long (2 light minutes' perspective in China), wearing pieces from Fendi's spring/summer line. With a fashion show that reportedly cost \$10 million and was a year in the making, Fendi—which has two stores in Beijing, 10 in total in the country, and plans to open a new store every year—is clearly banking on China.



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'I slipped once. I went from saying, "This is the greatest day of my life," to waking up going, "What happened? I'm in hell."'

NIKKI SIXX TALKS TO LIANNE GEORGE ABOUT HIS ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTIONS, BEING A GOOD DAD, AND SCHMOOZING WITH A KENNEDY

Nikki Sixx, the hard-partying, lady-appealing bassist for the '80s hair metal phenomenon Mötley Crüe, has taken on a new role—author and bestselling author of his book, *The Heron Diaries: A Year in the Life of a Shattered Rock Star*, chronicling Sixx's brutal alcohol binge with heroin, cocaine and alcohol addiction at the height of the band's success. Last week marked its third year on the *New York Times* bestseller list, where it sat judged between volumes by Bill Clinton and Mother Teresa. More recently, *The Heron Diaries* caught the attention of Democratic congressman Patrick Kennedy, himself a recovering drug addict, who invited Sixx to Capitol Hill to discuss ways for raising awareness about addiction, and to champion a new bill to simplify and fast-track treatment options for addicts.

Q You chose a risky title for a mainstream book. A part of this is about me standing up and saying, "Read this book. I do a rock look pretty. This is as ugly as it gets." The book is called *The Heron Diaries* for a reason. I'm not afraid. I was so bad people over the head with a two-by-four. I went there straight.

Q When did you realize it was working? A: The *New York Times* bestseller list—but you more because it meant that people were getting it. But it was the book opening that made me go, "Wow, this is really connecting with people." I'm seeing everyone from teens

agers to people 50 and older. I had a guy tell me, "These are family because you wrote this book." He said, "I was addicted to Vicodin for 16 years. I read the book and I quit and I'm back on my feet." That would've been worth my writing the book right there. But the stories keep happening. I'm hearing things on the street. I heard from a stockbroker yesterday in Manhattan. He came up to me and said, "One of my partners was on the verge of losing his job and he saw you on TV and he read the book and he quit drinking." People have been giving me their AA chips, and lots of people are writing their stories—there's even a version of the *Diaries*—describing how the book has moved them to take bigger steps.

Q By now thousands, there are prisons and intensely private stories. Why open your self up to scrutiny 20 years after the fact? A: I hadn't read these diaries in years—since I wrote them. And when I did, it was like reading someone else's diary. I couldn't believe I was so full. I mean, I knew how bad I was, but some of the craziness, the psychosis, the insanity—I couldn't believe I got out of it. I thought, you know what, somebody else could read this and it could help them.

Q In hindsight, what strikes you the most about the person you were back then? A: It's hard for that boy who had to carry that pain all the way to the emergency room. I don't want to write any books to make money that fast. When you're doing it on the book, you realize it isn't really about becoming a rock addiction, just that it's about them

downing, unhealthy role models, depression, and becoming into social out of fear.

Q Right, this after age of yours, and to read this book during your lowest moments and do some pretty noble things. Does he and you? A: I've said he does still exist. He's part of my addiction. Sixx is a prankster, but to the point where he would burn all the facilities in the hotel, not 'When he's out in full regalia, he's out.' The way Black is to me, there's a very long hallway, and a full of the most demonic characters, and I got out of that hallway and people have said: it must be nice to be free from that. But to be honest, I have my rear-view mirror focused on that hallway at all times because I believe any addict who for gets his past is condemned to relapse it.

Q You have four kids under 10, how do you intend to tell to them about this stuff? A: I'm not unlike any other parent. I worry about it because it's in their family history. I could looking children in their rooms, should to a wall, and if they wanted to go out and go down the same road as me, they're going to figure out how to do it. Addicts are the most witty, clever people there are. All I can do with any kids, and I think I'm doing the same thing in the book, is say, behind door No. 1 is this. Behind door No. 2, there's this again. It's not my choice to pick the door for you. I just don't want it to be a surprise.

Q What do you think of the way rehab for celebrities is glamorized in the tabloids? A: It's a feeding frenzy on watching people

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with addictions—whether it's an eating disorder, a sex addiction, a heroin addiction. The popular culture's becoming about that. Look what's happening with our kids. When I grew up, we didn't have that many TV shows. No video games. I think we might've had *Pong*. We used to go outside and make stuff with strings and tree branches and you know what? We would have the greatest name! Now, I see that kids are sitting with their video games it's an addiction. They're on the Internet: it's an addiction. They're into this first-generation, this second-generation.

Q. Did you read *A Million Little Pieces* (the Oprah endorsed addiction memoir by James Fory that was later revealed to contain fabricated information)?

A: Yeah I read half the book. Then I found out the same information that everybody else found out about it and I felt duped. It was heartbreaking for me.

Q Despite being suspiciously A-rated, do you think *The Heroin Diaries* could ever be as Oprah book?

At I think Oprah is a woman who has done so much good, that when she puts on her radar, she's gonna do it. But you know, I don't know about this rule model thing. If I came out with a really short little monosyllabic hair cut and was just all, "Let's talk about God. I was bad then, but I'm good now," people would be like, "What off? I forgot a guy who's saying, 'Look, this is my story.' I guess what I'm saying will slipped, I would go on national TV and say I slipped. I wouldn't be about it. God. I hope that money happens."

A Belague is always a reality. I'm 60 years sober. I haven't been a junkie since 1977, and as human as I concerned, but when I didn't take it seriously, I got raped in a slippery situation. It happened 15 years ago. I'd been sober for about 20 years and I went to the bar and ordered 16 shots of Jagermeister. I woke up and I had an ounce of cocaine, two hookers, and all the windows were taped up. It was a complete blackout. I went from waking up one day thinking, "This is the greatest day of my life," to waking up the next day going, "What happened? I'm in hell."

Q What was the final turning point?
A It was really getting the right measure and the right support group, and family, in working a program that I'm able to stay in recovery. When I was on the "Dr. Frogpool" tour, I was sober 100 per cent, but I wasn't 100 per cent comfortable in my skin. The therapy is such an important part of this in my opinion, because a lot of people who are addicts, yes, it is in their family, but a lot of this was

also goes back to unswerving ideas that people are where the driver and alcohol is weak.

At I think I stayed in a raucousness was through my 20s and 30s. It was always about me because that's what I was taught. Sometimes I think I need to apologize for growing up. Then I go, f— that. I don't want to be the guy who stands at the table and pulls his pants down and goes "woo-hoo" in the party anymore. I want to be at the party and talk for hours with people and wonder what changes. That's the payoff for me in sobriety.

Q: Before meeting with congressional Kennedy, did you know how hard it was for people in the U.S. to get treatment for addictions?

A: It's one of those things where I'm a person who hasn't been very political, and I've lately haven't been very politically correct but hearing this and knowing that I've had friends who've died, I can't get into rehab, I can't afford it. It was a sort of flash in front of my eyes. I thought, this has to get done.

Q: In your opinion, why is it that insurance companies don't want to addictions like any other health care?

As I think some of the biggest missionary needs is that addiction is a moral issue. It's a black cloud over people getting treatment and recovery. People think, why don't you just stop? Why can't you get it together? Why can't you just have a few? Why? Why? Why? Well, because I have a I-king disease, that's why. I have a disease—a deadly, deadly disease—and I need treatment. It's not a matter of whether insurance companies want to be part of the solution, or part of the problem.

Q: What kinds of ideas do you and Ken rely more on with to move forward?

A lot in his office and he's picking one up in the area and in my face, paracetamol about it and I was like, "I like you. You're serious." He's got everything to lose. I said to him, "I don't care if we have to leave. Love! And for this." Whatever we have to do, I'm down for it because I know how to do our thing. Really well. Play music. And I know a lot of people. The guys in Aerosmith, Bob. The guys in Maroon 5, Robert Smith, Bob. Eric Clapton, David Byrne, Elton John—oh, I think we have a concert here in the mid, I just want to go to any. I don't want five years from now anyone to go, "Oh man, Nikki from that 1990s club off that recovery tour." I don't want anything from this.

Q You don't explicitly talk about spiritual strain your health, but it's clearly a part of your recovery. How does it factor in for you?

A I personally do not like rigid organized religion. It turned me off—people trying to shove Jesus Christ down my throat. I feel more aligned to a Buddhist spirituality. I like

And there's no real human art! I like the freedom to feel that my higher power, my connection to something greater than myself, is my choice. And no one's telling me. If you dress like that, if you talk like that, you will go to that little cave in the middle of the earth that's burning forever." It's like, just off. What were the rule book, anyway?

Q: Are you concerned at all that someone might affect your rock 'n' roll cred?

A: Not really. I mean, I'm not cool then I guess I'm just not cool. That's cool. I'll tell you what, to me this is no laughing matter. I will do anything and everything, just like anyone else who has a disease, to not die from this. Because I will die from this. When I took this lightly, I helped. At the worst time, I'm not the solo cop. I can't be the police. I will come to this hell. I still want to blow it up.



I'm not the sobo cop. I still want to raise hell. When we tour, I want it to be the most nasty, pompous tour there is.'

And when we go do a tour, I want it to be the broadest, most over-the-top, decadent, pompous, may-look-like-I'll-sell-those-things-I-just-would-like-to-keep doing that if I've gotta be to leave a 7 that on Michele Boulevard that says "Nicki's Zoo" on it, and generations to come want it and say, "This was born, he lived in a herd room from a heroin overdose, broke, infected with syphilis!"—I don't have any desire to do that. I want to set up a stage and have 60,000 people all singing the songs and going, "You know what? I like what this man does." ■

MAYOR MAY NOT

He's a blustering gaffe machine. But a criminal? The mayor of Ottawa?

BY JORDAN YIM • On the morning of Feb. 10, Ottawa awoke to learn that its colorful new mayor had been accused of a serious crime.

Less than three months after high-tech carpenter Larry O'Brien rode his conservative platform to a surprise victory, the Ottawa Citizen ran a front-page story accusing O'Brien of a crime by fellow candidate Terry Kil

very over more than just his plans to curb city spending.

Since leaving the chain of offices, Larry O'Brien has been plagued by rumors and headline-grabbing gaffes. He's struggled through a difficult relationship with his council, and has learned the hard way that running a city is nothing like running a business. "I don't think I was ready," O'Brien says now, sitting in his corner office on the second floor of a City Hall heritage building. "I should probably have had five years' experience in municipal government before I made the move. Having said that, though those first

O'Brien came to office vowing to shake up the way Ottawa does business, and to transform it from a bland government town into a city that "wings." O'Brien says. A self-made wealthy millionaire, he has a condo at the newly 700 Somerset building, next door to the Parliament buildings and home to the likes of Billinda Sorenson. He has his eye on a World's Fair bid for the city, and is trying to bring Ottawa's CFI franchise back from the dead. During the Ottawa Senators' playoff run last year, O'Brien spent sponsorship money on a suit on his bald head. He's been the city's cheerleader in chief.

But after campaigning on spending restraint, to allow for a tax freeze, O'Brien approved a pay raise for his council in his first weeks as mayor that would have paid his own salary by \$32,000. He declined the raise days later after a public outcry, but then his niece Heather Toner was hired as his executive assistant—the best candidate for the position, the mayor's office claimed, and the experience of a person he deemed. In

office, O'Brien showed an unusual knowledge of the way the city and its government actually run. "But know, the first city council meeting I sat with my own eyes. I was, in fact, chairing," O'Brien says. "And the first political debate that I ever saw with my own eyes. I was, in fact, in. When you look up the words political science, my face would be there."

He did manage to secure the voters' council needed to fulfill a promise to rebuild the city's light rail transit system. The result? Ottawa was selected with \$180 million in loans over contract cancellations—more than the \$160 million the city would have spent had it gone ahead as planned. O'Brien remains confident about the outcome of the legal action, calling the city's defense "clever and

convincing and irrefutable." Against the advice of the city's chief and solicitor, O'Brien then fulfilled the third of his three campaign pledges by cancelling the city's crack pipe distribution program. It seemed to reduce hospital admissions associated with drug use in the downtown core, but O'Brien says it wasn't working, and he drove five for comments suggesting that several innocent

"I FELL ASLEEP DRINKING A BEER AND WHEN I WOKE UP I WAS MAYOR"



SENATORS BOOSTING O'BRIEN When you look up the words political science, my face would be there.

drop out of the race. O'Brien denied all wrongdoing. A police investigation followed, the Ottawa Police deferring to the Ontario Provincial Police to remove any hint of bias. As their investigation went on, as O'Brien struggled to get his bearings in his new job, and as questions surrounding his election spread even to the floor of the House of Commons, Ottawa residents realized they'd elected a mayor who would spark contro-

versities in months, probably get his experience through trial and error. I got an accidental learning process through the school of hard knocks."

It's been quite an education. "This transition from private sector CEO to a municipal politician has been difficult, I think," says Councilor Peter Huang. "I mean, he didn't start out particularly well. He called us all lazy the first week he was in power."

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Ottawa, comparing parliament to pignons and claiming that if others stopped "leaking" news they would win every "I will stand by this," the mayor told Maclean's, warning his belief that the majority of parliament in Ottawa's downtown Byward Market area are addicted to crack. "These people need our help. They don't need handouts. I made the announcement the director of Ottawa had to raise the temptation of feeling good by giving these people cocaine, and not come up with the illusion that it was like funding pignons. If you don't feed the pignons, they'll go away. Certain people took that to mean

been elected mayor, I feel like I have the moral authority to be the head of assen!" Moral authority has been hard to earn. "He had a reputation for politeness when he came in," says long-time Conservative aide Chisarelli. "And that's part of why he got elected, because people wanted someone who wasn't political. But I think he's started to develop a reputation. The year has been a pile of poop, but we're starting to see a penny in there somewhere." Save for one thing: the report of the police investigation.

Terry Kilrea finished second in Ottawa's 2003 mayoral election. A candidate again in



KILREA SAID O'BRIEN OFFERED HIM \$30,000 TO DROP OUT

this. I had a problem with honesty, it had nothing to do with moral content, it had a lot to do with juggling and the drug problem in the downtown of Ottawa."

In the summer, two of the mayor's high-profile staff resigned: spokesman Mike Pateon left to run, unsuccessfully, for the PCs in the Ottawa provincial election, and chief of staff Walter Babione, a former head of the Canadian Temperance Federation and one of the federal Tories' closest, resigned after just six months, citing "damaging remarks."

And still, the mayor remains tirelessly optimistic. The fall, he's managed to keep his cash flows on the table for the 2006 budget, and he's won enough votes to pass a controversial motion this fall. For three months, give him the power to review city contracts of more than \$10,000, despite vocal resistance from some councillors who think it will violate the separation of legislative and administrative branches of government. (Originally, he'd tried to win the power to approve contracts, but that didn't fly.) "O'Brien feels like he's getting his bearings." Finally," he says, "maybe for the first time since I've

2006, but some of these guys were critical to O'Brien's, though his polling numbers are nowhere near as high as in 2003. After the election, Kilrea was an official and posed a polygraph test for the Ottawa over his claim that O'Brien offered him over \$30,000 in cash to drop out of the race. He also claimed that they discussed an appointment for Kilrea, a senior communications officer, to the National Police Board—a claim that has dragged the names of Ottawa's then Conservative cabinet minister John Baird, former Conservative MP John Reynolds, and party campaign director Doug Finlay into the investigation. O'Brien and his team were allegedly going to use their influence with those men to secure the appointment. "With the report

ing of Parliament last week, the federal Liberal Party acted on the allegations, grilling the Conservative's Ottawa record about their alleged involvement."

O'Brien has denied the allegations, and told the Giffen he had a hard time recalling any such conversation with his mind. "I fell asleep on my foot while drinking a beer and when I woke up I was the mayor of Ottawa," he said. "That's how fast it went." His supporters say there was no need for any bribe, since support for Kilrea migrated to O'Brien the minute he entered the race.

While the OPP investigation now concluded and the case turned over to the Crown attorney for assessment, a decision is likely near on whether to charge O'Brien. "Everybody understands that there could have consequences way beyond the charges against one individual," says Conservative Chief Donat. "We're going to end up compensating the ability of the city to run itself."

Donat, among others, says the controversy has been a huge distraction. "It sucks the political energy out of this place like it was attached to a vacuum," says Hume. Rasmussen showed that some councillors are quietly patronizing the media for a shot at O'Brien's job if the regime on is forced out in the face of criminal charges. "I've heard talks that some members of council are looking at leaving the mayor's authority once signing and over contracts if the charges are not fully," says Chisarelli. "We'll have to look at it at that time. But I don't think he's going to resign. I think he's going to stay."

O'Brien won't be driven out while he'll do if he's charged. "I'm looking forward to an conclusion, and that's really all I can say. I'm not nervous about it. I didn't do anything wrong. I will be thoughtful and will take into consideration the citizens of Ottawa before I make a decision about what I would do."

But there's no doubt O'Brien wants the charges to make his vision for the City Plan of his plan for Ottawa as that he can't in a style that's "downside to the point that the citizens don't even know if they have a municipal government. That level of boredom and efficiency would be wonderful."

He grim. "Everything is good as a management." After his first 10 months in office, it must look good—but to him and to the people of Ottawa. ■



THE OVERLOOKED VALUE OF GUARDING THE REAR It's not just that the vast and north of Afghanistan has made more stable than the east and the south, where the Canadians are but the Taliban is being squeezed from the footpads in a tube in those areas. You can't just leave the north and west, or they will feel it. James Appathurai, NATO headquarters spokesman, on the overlooked value of staffing peaceful areas of the country with retrained NATO troops who don't fight alongside Canada.

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Green, like the colour of a lemon

BY KATE LONIAI • It's not easy being green on any of the residents of two affordable housing projects in Montreal. Located at the Berry Farm site just west of Verdun, both from-ramp technology meant to boost environmental sustainability while lowering tenants' energy bills. But while the project has won international praise—and a top sustainable design award—among the residents themselves, praise is in short supply.

"It's been a nightmare," says Sarah Laughlin of Zone of Opportunity, a 46-unit young residents' co-operative (the other project is Cher-Sec, a 94-unit seniors' complex). Laughlin rents her solar panels and a forced ventilation system as two major issues. A system to reuse waste water still isn't working, three years after residents moved in, and mould was discovered when ZOC resident Carl Robinson died of a rare pulmonary illness some three weeks to mould. (Whether mould caused his illness is unclear.)



RESIDENTS at Berry Farm claim their green buildings are mouldy

Daniel Ford is a founding partner at COEUR, the architecture firm behind the projects. He says constraints among publicly funded housing are a barrier to going green. "We never felt that what we were proposing was rocket science. But for builders who build cheap social housing, it may have been," he says. ZOC's original contractor, Edilux Construction, has a lawsuit pending against the co-operative, claiming it didn't receive full payment. Laughlin says that when Edilux "lost the job," it was a relief. "We followed the contractors of the well-known," says Edilux employee Patrick Savo, adding that as the project was "the first of its kind" for Montreal, delays were bound to occur.

With a new project manager hired, problems at Berry Farm are on the mend. Meanwhile, COEUR is focusing on two new green housing projects. Laughlin supports the idea, but says "More thought needs to go into it."

Afghanistan meltdown: is it a lost cause?

BY JOHN GEDDES • When Prime Minister Stephen Harper named John Mulcair to head up a panel on Canada's future in Afghanistan, he asked the former Liberal foreign minister to consider two options: withdrawing troops in Kandahar while focusing on training Afghan forces, or withdrawing all but a few soldiers needed to protect and work with diplomats. The basic assumption was that Afghanistan will remain stable enough for Canada's efforts to continue one way or another. But here's an option the PM didn't put on the table for Mulcair to consider: that Afghanistan is already a lost cause—and hence for a negotiated exit involving Pakistan.

That bleak prospect might sound too stark to consider, but it was voiced last week by the former top UN envoy in Afghanistan, Lord Paddy Ashdown. "I think we are facing an Afghanistan now," the former British Liberal party leader told Reuters, adding "success is now unlikely." He warned that failure would force Taliban forces that continue to threaten the fragile Afghan government might well cause neighbouring Pakistan's regime to fall too. Perhaps allowing a glimmer of hope, Ashdown said somebody needs to unify and coordinate international efforts in Afghanistan "if they are to stand any chance."



'THE WEST has nearly dropped the ball'

For years dismissing Ashdown as a conciliator, a Canadian expert with recent first-hand experience in the region shares many of the same fears. Simon Fraser University public policy professor Doug McArthur pointed to basic agricultural reconstruction as far too slow, like the continued lack of reliable electricity and water in Kabul. "The West really dropped the ball," said McArthur, who has worked in both Afghanistan and Pakistan on democracy building projects. "I don't go as far as [Ashdown] does, but Afghanistan is by no means won, and it's disappointing that there isn't a coordinated, well-rehearsed, highly focused international effort to stabilize the country."

He suggested Canada will be positioned to try to lead such a push to coordinate badly divided international reconstruction efforts. ■

Loose lips sink an NDP candidate

BY MICHAEL KÖHLER • Jeff Potts likely never intended a minor comment "I mean, I shouldn't admit that I'm the one putting on Rubik's," the Saskatchewan NDP candidate for Swift Current told the CBC on Monday. Writing an article on education forces under the headline "Pots on Rubik's," Potts had for months been shying anonymous dirt at Brad Wall, leader of the first-running Saskatchewan Party and Potts's own riding rival in the provincial election.

An aide to Potts says Conservatives can't meet in the early 1990s, Wall "up" appropriated approx. \$15,000 of taxpayers' money to pay for books. "Pots" is a legend in February. Instead of becoming the city's MLA, Mr. Wall (as he'd) have been doing three times the steps to overcome adversity.

POTTS was the third man the NDP lost in mid-campaign

Last week, Potts upped the ante. "You won't believe this, but Brad Wall's dad, John, a city council member and owner of two very prominent, is putting Brad Wall sign on rural property to make it look like they are Social Party supporters." Worse than a day later "There is a Brad Wall sign (rural property) on a known crack house." It was all bogus. The liquor board had dispensed with the bogus rumours months ago. Wall's father John, meanwhile, owns no rental property.

Potts, however, was a one-time anchor reporter for a Swift Current TV station, was forced by NDP Premier Lorne Calvert to withdraw from the race just hours after confessing to his online alter ego. The disparaging left the party anxious to run a decisive, later that day, to announce a new candidate. It was a bit of a relief that Potts is the third man the party has lost mid-election in little more than a week—following the departure of a campaign manager who lost several cities and another candidate who left, saying his campaigning conflicted with his job. Once an election morning machine, the Saskatchewan NDP is floundering. "The image that this presents to voters is a party that is having a hard time doing what it said to do extremely effectively," says the University of Regina's Ken Zysman. ■





HAIL COMRADE CHAVEZ!

The Venezuelan president is fast establishing a totalitarian regime. How can he be stopped? BY MICHAEL PETROU

THE BATTLE LINE in Venezuela runs through the hills of Caracas. The country's capital stretches 20 km along a mountain valley bordering with the financial regions of business and commerce. But ever since the 1998 election of Hugo Chávez, the Bolivarian chieftain, an American and increasingly autocratic president of Venezuela, real power

rests in the hills. The hills hold the barracks, violent skirmishes and shantytowns perched above the heart of the city. Here, and in similar places across the country, Chávez draws his most ardent supporters among those who live—well paid now—on Venezuela's traditional politicians granted there during the decades of democracy that began in 1958.

Chávez pledged to change this. The career military officer, who led a failed coup in 1992, compared himself to Simon Bolívar, the hero of Latin America's wars of independence, and prompted a socialist "Bolivarian Revolution" to lift the poor out of their squalor. He vowed to stand up to the United States and has long been a thorn in the side of George W. Bush, whom he describes as the devil, since as America buys most of Venezuela's oil. Chávez has also embarrassed the U.S. President by spending millions of dollars on aid projects in poor American neighborhoods, and

he regularly sends the friendship of other world leaders in U.S. congresses, most notably Iran's Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

At home, Chávez ordered the army to do without food and vaccine for children. He established "antennas" where residents can buy subsidized groceries at twice the health care at clinics that are often staffed by Cuban doctors sent to Venezuela in exchange for cheap oil. Other missions teach literacy or provide dental care to urban squatters. "We're taking control of our country," Nelson Acosta, a chairman from the Guarema slum of Caracas, told Maclean's. "We've had 40 years of misery. Now we want freedom."

But after almost nine years of the Chávez presidency, and despite booming oil wealth, many Venezuelans still live in miserable conditions. Others resent the president's tight grip on power and his efforts to silence those who oppose him. For a new generation of opposition politicians in Venezuela, this presents an opportunity to erode Chávez's still strong support base.

Defeating Chávez means winning the slums. One man willing to try is Leopoldo López, the 36-year-old mayor of Chacao, a small and prosperous municipality in Caracas. Aristo-

teves, last year, bodyguard Carlos Mendez was shot in the back of the head as López was about to enter the car where López usually sits. "He died in my arms," López told Maclean's.

López positively identified the murderer, yet the man spent only one hour in police custody before he was released. "It all goes against something with somebody close to the government," he said. "Because it's inconceivable how, if we caught the assassin, if we had material proof that this guy was responsible for the assassination, he was let free." López's car still has the bullet holes, now rusted slightly around the edges. A friend



LOOKING TO THE HILLS: Chávez draws much of his support from the impoverished barrios that dot the hillside of Caracas, the capital



las and—ever his ferocious opponent on the far left—were his fervid opponents on the far right—admit—very hardline, López is now going on one of the more prominent challenges to Chávez's rule.

For his efforts, López has had more than 20 charges filed against him, ranging from the alleged mismanagement of funds to "incite" attacks and riots, and he has been arrested several times. He is officially barred from running in another election until 2017. More seriously, López has survived a kidnapping and three assassination attempts. During the most

recent, last year, bodyguard Carlos Mendez was shot in the back of the head as López was about to enter the car where López usually sits. "He died in my arms," López told Maclean's. López positively identified the murderer, yet the man spent only one hour in police custody before he was released. "It all goes against something with somebody close to the government," he said. "Because it's inconceivable how, if we caught the assassin, if we had material proof that this guy was responsible for the assassination, he was let free." López's car still has the bullet holes, now rusted slightly around the edges. A friend

was to organize ourselves to build a majority. It's a long term war, that's all, and when we transform Venezuela."

Maclean's accompanied López and a throng of supporters on a visit to the Guarema slum, a Chávez redoubt where abundant graffiti lauds Chávez and Ché Guevara, and where the occasional dead rat rots on crumbling roads and swelling pools. Guarema is outside López's unwelcome reach belongs to a national political party, Un Nuevo Tiempo (A New Time), and is promising what he describes as a social democratic alternative.

ing to muzzle hostile media. His decision not to renew the license of RCTV, a critical independent station that is now available only on cable, sent a clear message to other networks of which have now learned to parrot the government line—even international media and human rights groups, including Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and the Committee to Protect Journalists, denounced the move.

RCTV rapidly supported the 2002 coup attempt against Chávez, in the eyes of some a disastrous episode in the nation's long history. The network gave blanket coverage to anti-Chávez demonstrations that preceded the coup, but after the military rebels kidnapped Chávez and his supporters flooded the streets to demand his return, RCTV imposed a news blackout and broadcast criticism and soap operas. As a result, many Chávez supporters

perceive their cause, surname, idealization, and honor as being "betrayed." This proved to be more than an empty threat. Following the reformers, Luis Velasco, a Chávez member of the National Assembly, posted on his web site the names and identity card numbers of the more than two million Venezuelans who had signed the petition. Many subsequently complained of discrimination, such as the loss of public sector jobs and blocked access to public assistance programs.

Most Chávez supporters deny that the "black list" is used to discriminate against opposing work in the public sector. But

heily find of the Quesada case "Because they, like me, believe in the Quesada case."

Müller Rojas admitted that the government consults for Venezuelans who consider themselves for employment in what he described as ideologically sensitive positions, such as in the oil, steel and gas industries. "We need to make sure that our government is not penetrated by those who want to change it by violent means," he said. "I'm sure that the Caribbean or American government would not accept a Communist. We don't accept fascists. Those who signed the petition were committed to the violent overthrow of the government."

He's targeted the media, but even ordinary Venezuelans who have expressed opposition find it impossible to get work



OFF THE AIR: Chávez's move against TV station RCTV brought out the protesters

But the targets of intimidation by the Chávez government extend far beyond journalists and media moguls. Ordinary Venezuelans who voice their opposition to Chávez can find their livelihoods put at risk and job opportunities smothered.

Venezuela's 1999 constitution, adopted less than one year into the Chávez presidency, allowed for a presidential recall referendum to be held should 10 per cent of registered



votes signs a petition demanding one. Such a referendum, which ultimately failed to revoke Chávez's mandate, took place in 2004. During the drive to collect signatures, Chávez remarked: "Those who sign against Chávez will sign against the fatherland and will be registered for all history, as they will have to

renew it." Müller Rojas ran with Maduro's on the path of the modest manufacturing mills, where he reckoned in a hammock, chiseled, and once broke off the surveillance to pad outdoors and remove a book detailing CIA meddling in Latin America. He said he has a daughter in Winnipeg but is pursuing

When challenged on the point that surely the more than two million people who signed the recall petition could not be violent fascists, Müller Rojas raised his voice for the only time during the interview, sat up, and accidentally dropped cigarette ash on his shoulder. "Those who signed the list are like a parasite here in Venezuela," he said. "This is gross, insulting propaganda from the Empire," he said, using the common Chávez term for the U.S.

Among the signatories to the recall petition was the daughter of Josefin Urbina, 66, resident of the poverty stricken La Vega barrio and a dedicated activist. Urbina spent an afternoon proudly showing Maduro's around the various mansions in her neighborhood, including a subsidized market where some residents had been living up for hours to purchase food.

Urbina's daughter is unemployed. But

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Urban has a friend in the foreign country who told her he could get her daughter a job. The man died, then he parted back to Urbina that her daughter's name was on the list. In the end, he was untraceable. But like many of China's supporters, Urbina would not accuse him directly. "The president is not to blame for a lot of things that happen in the country," she said. "The fault is with those around him. He is often deceived."

HUGO CHAVEZ's ultimate defiance against losing power may rest with military force, rather than the intimidation of the media and political opponents. The military already has a major political stake in Venezuela, and its immersion in the Bolivarian Revolution is deepening. After a successful military effort to overthrow Chavez in 2002, he systematically purged the armed forces of potentially disloyal elements. During a 2001 nationwide strike that threatened to erode Chavez's hold on power, the military blunted its effects by distributing goods and services, and by keeping the state oil company running.

As for democracy, says one member of a barrio militia, 'If Chávez lost in an election, there would be an armed struggle'



ON GUARD FOR HUGO. Training for Chavez's new military reserve has already begun

Chavezistas also created a civilian reserve, which will be retained the Bolivarian Popular Militia of a new set of constitutional changes yet approved in an upcoming referendum. The reserve forces operate outside the normal military command structure, and Chavez critics say they will function as a parallel militia to protect the Bolivarian Revolution should Chavez lose the loyalty of the regular armed forces. "This military reserve is created with people who are politically charged. It's a political arm," says Theodore Perle.

editor of *Tai Chai* newspaper and a former
incidental candidate

Rafael Gil Barrion, a member of the National Assembly and president of the defence commission, confirmed to *Mochebo* that reservists are given ideological training. But he insisted this doesn't mean the reserves are an explicitly political organization, because he says, all Venezuelans have a duty to learn about Bolivarian socialism.

Armed groups rarely co-opted the revolution already flourishing outside the official fabric.



masks on nearby walls, including one depicting Che Guevara, Lenin, and several other revolutionaries dining with Josip Broz, as well as graffiti linking the struggle in Rwanda with the Spanish Civil War of 1936-1939. "We're a Marxist-Leninist organization, and we believe in a socialist transition that culminates in Communism," said Fausto Casella, 28, a member of the collective.

Carillo and Alicia Vire do not have formal relations with the Chavín government, but the government knows it can count on them in a crisis. "We're like Hezbollah," he said, referring to the Lebanese militia that fought a war with Israel in 2006. "When Lebanon had a problem, at the end, the government's ally was the Chavín. We've gotten closer to revolutionary organisations like those that support the revolution. There is no persecution, no repression," Carillo said, and elections are only one stage of the revolutionary process. "If Chavín lost in an election, we would not leave the electoral process," he added. "There would be a second round."

Already, Carrillo said, some 50 members of *Alcan Vive* have joined the reserve. The collective also conducts its own military training. For now, this is theoretical, as the group claims its members are not armed. "We talk about a war of the people," Carrillo said. "We're not going to wait for a war to talk about how to conduct an ambush."

There is cynicism, however, as well as hope and strategy among Venezuela's poor. Some sceptics fear behind the rhetoric about equality and justice, the new socialist political class is merely an old-fashioned bourgeoisie that the traditional oligarchy will bring back free of cost to the country's wealth. Corruption, always a problem in Venezuela, persists. The modified state symbol of choice for powerful chieftains is a Hummer, the 16-cylinder American SUV made famous by California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. The image problem this creates recently portrayed an angry outburst from Chávez on national television. "What kind of revolution is this?" he asked. "The Whiskey Revolution? The Hummer Revolution? No! No! No! as a good revolution."

Meanwhile, seated in Baotou's restaurants, a popular gathering place for high-society shirkers in the glitzy Lan Meizhou district of Curious' inside, the parents wolfed midlife-aged rice, and women with unimpressively buoyant breasts, who sat around in one's bar supporting several bottles of Baotou's

Scotch whisky or stayed on the small dance floor in front of an energetic live band. "It's not the whistles and the Scotch that I object to," one man, an anti-chicklet of investment consultant, said. "It's the fact that they continue drinking like 18-year-olds while they're eating dinner. They have no class." In other words, he fears the rabble have stormed the Bastille.

Stories about the contemporary consumption of illegal revolutionaries also fracture true believers such as Francisco León, a resident of the La Vega barrio in Caracas. These people are not "hijos, papi," he said, using a phrase that means "red, very red." He blessed them to a fruit that is red on the outside and white inside. León, on the other hand, says the red is on the core. "We've been revolutionaries since before Chávez."

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WHETHER MEMBERS of Venezuela's new parliament stick to their roots as leftists, dunces or drive-frenzy SUVs might make a stark impression on residents of the country, but ultimately that matters less than how Hugo Chavez is transforming the country.

It is undeniable that he has helped many poor Venezuelans. He has brought them benefits such as greater access to health care and education. Most importantly, Chavez has given the poor an unprecedented sense of political empowerment. Even his most ardent critics admit that Venezuela's traditional politicians, as well as the middle and wealthy classes that supported them, are partly to blame for his popularity after neglecting their impoverished fellow citizens for decades.

But Hugo Chávez is also an autocrat heading toward something worse. He is centralizing power, consolidating his authority, selling discreet, militaristic Venezuelan currency, politicizing the military, and steadily encroaching his brand of Bolivarian socialism as the

only acceptable political discourse in Venezuela. He has proposed constitutional changes that will allow him to seek re-election indefinitely, and has predicted he will be in power for the next 30 years.

of oil, as well as large quantities of coal, iron

DEB: Venezuela stands with Iran and against
against Petróleos (Iranian) calls Chávez a fascist



Armstronged for his "wisdom and strength, and promised that Venezuelans will stand with him and Iran forever. During a visit to Minsk, Belarus, Chavez described the last dictator ship in Europe as "a model state, like the one we are beginning to create."

And yet Chavez remains immensely popular among many left-leaning liberals in the West, including the NDP's youth wing, which has posted at least one laudatory article on its website and endorses the International lobby group *Human Off Voiceless*.

This suspect is excruciating for Ted Olson, Profco's man with an overnight to call him self a revolutionary as anyone in Venezuela. Banned, charged, rebuffed and blundered, the 79-year-old newspaper editor was a leftist gun rights fighter in the youth. Caparedi and his cousin died in 1963, he convinced his guards that he was seriously ill with an ulcer after he was loved and spit up capsules of fresh calf's blood that a supporter had secretly given him. Profco was transferred to a military hospital and escaped out of a seventh-floor window on a length of nylon rope.

He praised Ahmadinejad for 'wisdom and strength,' and described Belarus, Europe's last dictatorship, as a 'model state'



Petroff says Chávez's foreign supporters have lost sight of what socialism should really stand for—and it's not his Bolivarian Revolution. "If we were to label appropriately, this is a fascist government. Everybody thinks this is a leftist government. And if we accept that Stalin was a leftist, okay, this is a leftist government. But it has many features of fascism," he said.

ore and gold, means that the country under Chávez should not be dismissed as a mainland Cuba, distasteful but largely irrelevant. Chávez wants to use Venezuela's oil wealth to purchase influence across Latin America. Globally, his efforts to build a power bloc to oppose American hegemony consist of seeking alliances with tyrants and dictators. He trained Iranian President Mahmoud

"We are crawling toward a totalitarian society—the state's domination of space, of culture, using the educational system to ideologize primary and high school students, the elimination of universities' autonomy, concentration camps, and the transformation of the armed forces into an armed party. It has nothing to do with democratic socialism." ■



SCOTLAND: CLINIC ISSUES DATA WITH DEATH
Staff at St. Margaret's Health Centre in Ayr/Inverclyde are giving patients appointment cards with startling ego on the back. In addition to Inverclyde notices for osteopaths and health clubs, there's also one for an undertaker. Despite patients' outrage, St. Margaret's refuses to apologise or withdraw the cards, saying they provide useful info. *Arden's card's* publisher adds, "It's wrong that someone would think 'I'll live, an appointment with death!'"



AT LEAST 340 PEOPLE were killed by a bomb targeting former PM Benazir Bhutto

THE TWO FACES OF MODERN PAKISTAN

The country was born in conflict, but now—even as it hopes for true democratic change—it is spiralling into something like chaos



PAUL WILLER

first heard that he was in Pakistan since the last in 1999, that was it.

Pakistan was born an ethnic and sectarian strife and its history has never been easily peaceful, but it had managed to avoid a bombing in a remote occurrence until barely five years ago. Now the tempo and the death toll are mounting. Fifteen killed in Karachi on May 3, 2004. Thirty-one in Baluch, five months later. Twenty-five at the Baiti House in Islamabad May 27, 2007. Thirty-nine in Thatta. Forty-two in Dargal. Forty-seven in Military Park, Karachi.

Then Bhutto, a former prime minister who

hoped to achieve a moderated, and for the moment legally forbidden, third term as officer, married to Pakistan from her self imposed exile in Dubai. On Oct. 16, a motorcade carrying her through a crowd of supporters in Karachi was hit by one or two suicide bombers. Their ball bearing-packed device or device cut so brutally through a crowd of supporters that it will be difficult to pull any coherent story from the wreck. But given Pakistan's more history, the Bhutto attack was necessarily mostly only for the attention of the readers and the presence of the target. Pakistan is not a country for the target. Pakistan is not a country for the target. Pakistan is not a country for the target. Pakistan is not a country for the target.

To a great extent this is simply a case of a country that is not a country. Pakistan's government and its intelligence agency worked diligently with Washington's help, to export the tale

and philosophies of terror to Pakistan's neighbor, Afghanistan. Western allies, Washington first among them, saw Pakistan as a source of disruption in a neighborhood that was falling into Soviet hands. Cynically they sawed that gap open wide. When Pakistan had reached its country's borders and was Washington and New York on Sept. 11, 2001, Washington and its allies sought just as frantically to turn the tap off. That effort has not, at best, with mixed success, a handful of Taliban and al Qaeda leaders killed or captured on the eastern side of the Afghan-Pakistan border, or a cost of more than 1,000 Pakistanis army dead.

During a week in Afghanistan, a McClatchy reporter heard from Afghans at every level—village, tribal, national—who are convinced that Pakistan still supports the insurgency that frustrates Afghanistan's hopes for long-delayed stability. "Absolutely," Afghan Interior Minister Zameer Khan told his officials in Kabul. "We have clear evidence, including documents and confessions, that they [captured insurgents] were trained by ISI," the Pakistan intelligence service.

Others believe the Pakistani influence in Afghanistan is overrated. Gen. Gen. McNeill, the American commander of NATO troops in Afghanistan, said he has seen countless cases, not only of Pakistani army co-operation with NATO, but of genuine concern to see a peaceful Pakistan emerge as the wild mountainous border zone between the two countries. "The Pakistanis are not," McNeill told McClatchy. "They understand what the stakes are, and they are trying to do their part."

If those two viewpoints are contradictory, as, theoretically, in much of Pakistan's leadership. That institutional schizophrenia, and the wars it has led to, were encouraged by powerful outsiders for years. In his magisterial 2004 book about the Afghan history behind the 9/11 attacks, Ghost Wars, then-Washington Post reporter Steve Coll writes that U.S. policy toward Afghanistan was born almost wholly only two days after the Soviet-Chechen invasion of Kabul in 1979. "It is essential that Afghanistan's resistance continue," Zbigniew Brzezinski, Jimmy Carter's national security adviser, wrote in a memo to the president on Dec. 26, 1979. "This means more money as well as more shipments to the rebels, and some



WAR AND PEACE: Muslim students read the Quran during the month of Ramadan, the holiest month in the Islamic calendar. Afghans at every level are convinced that Pakistan still supports the insurgency that frustrates Afghanistan's hopes for long-delayed stability

technical advice. To make this more possible, we must both secure Pakistan and encourage it to help the rebels."

The Pakistani distance at the time, Gen. Muhammad Zia ul-Haq, wanted nothing more. Beyond the Indian life of what became the Indo-Pakistan border, he was a practicing but hardly observant Muslim. But when he became Pakistan's military dictator in 1977, he saw religion as the best cement to bind together a poor, ethnically diverse young nation whose borders were apt to dispute, both from India on the east and from Afghanistan on the west.

Zia tried and forged his predecessor, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto—Benazir Bhutto's father. He promoted devout Muslims within the Pakistan army's general staff. He had countless mosques, Muslim doctrinal schools, near the Afghan border. "We were created on the basis of Islam," he said, much as John F. Kennedy was the basis of Islam. "Islam was more destruction from the corruption and economic stagnation of the Zulfikar Ali Bhutto years." So, it was the precondition for progress. He said it again and again when he told an interviewer. "I cannot import proper moral values."

But before long he was about trying to export them. Jimmy Carter was eager to help. Ronald Reagan vastly more so. Billions of dollars in direct U.S. aid and military equipment flowed to Islamabad. Zia's nuclear weapons program was no longer any kind of hindrance. And, usually, for years, every dollar of U.S. aid to the Muslim appointees of Soviet rule in Afghanistan was delivered, not directly, but via Pakistan. Which meant it was Zia's right-hand man—Gen. Akhtar Abdul Rahman, deputy-general of Pakistan's military



agency, Inter-Services Intelligence, or ISI—who decided which Afghans would get the guns and money. As Coll writes, ISI's Afghan branch, largely staffed by ethnically Pashtun Pakistanis who could infiltrate Afghanistan's southern coast countries without difficulty—became one of the most formidable arms of the Pakistan government. In 1984 alone, the U.S. Congress authorized \$200 million for the CIA's Afghan program. The money went to the ISI. Saudi intelligence matched the donation dollar for dollar.

After 2001, the global war on terror would be led by hard-right Washington Republicans, but with early days of the Soviet Afghan occupation, the hard right was an Islamic's best friend. Pakistan's CIA director Wajid Ali Ghouse was a puritan and a good coalition against global Communism. As the ISI's suggestion, the CIA printed thousands of Quasim in Pashtun dialect and shipped them to the marketplace. Pakistan served as a haven for Islamicist Soviet Afghans like the northern rebel leader Gul

buddin Hekmatyar, whose only recruits included the disowned son of a wealthy Pashtun family, Quasim bin Laden. The ISI showed Afghan rebels in the use of explosives, including car bombs. The CIA regularly provided tons of C-4 explosive and detonators, and, eventually, the shoulder-launched Stinger and aircraft rockets that turned the tide against the Soviets. Hardly evidence, the Red Army used to plug the Afghan-Pakistan border. Marshal Sengul Akhmedov sent 50,000 soldiers for the task. It wasn't nearly enough. Upon those endless mountain ranges, where peaks sometimes topped 10,000 ft, it was hard enough to find the border, much less close it.

By 1988, the Soviets had given up and started their withdrawal. The entire Communist bloc and the Soviet Union itself would collapse soon after. And the ISI, Coll writes, "had been transformed by CIA and Saudi subsidies into Pakistan's most powerful institution. When ever needed, now would be the ISI's corner."

Indeed, it became increasingly apparent

FORMER PM Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in 1975 (left), former president Zia ul-Haq in 1987





that army intelligence could crimp any other power in Pakistan. Benazir Bhutto first became the country's prime minister in 1988. The ISI, heirs to the officers who hoisted Bhutto's father, tapped her phones and pruned up her parliamentary opponents. Yet she managed to hang on. By the time of her re-election in 1993, Collumus, she would hold her most important meetings in Islamabad parks where the ISI could not eavesdrop. She never dared confront the intelligence chief directly; she hoped to co-opt him while she sought a quick route to prosperity for her country.

One possibility was track trade through southern Afghanistan, which her government began to encourage. That country became a mecca of winning post-Soviet Islamic factions. In the south rose a new faction, austere, usually deistic, even by Afghan Islam standards. They called themselves the Taliban (literally, the students). They had graduated from Zia's madrasas in the Pakistani northwest. History does not record whether it was the ISI or private Pakistani trucking interests who let the Taliban take a massive ISI-built base post-dominant the Afghan border town of Spin Boldak. In quarters like The dogpound showed weapons to equip an army. The Taliban used them to take Afghanistan's vital southern city, Kandahar. Benazir Bhutto's devout track route adversaries turned out to have none of their own.

FACEOFF: The future leadership roles of Bhutto (left) and Musharraf are in limbo



PAKISTAN IS GOING through a time of change, said one diplomat. "We hope it will be a transition to an effective democratic state, but there is no guarantee of that."

At first, Bhutto supported the weakling Taliban movement, partly in the hope it could serve her long-term religious purpose in Afghanistan, and partly because she still feared a direct confrontation with the ISI. "I became slowly, slowly scared into it," she told CNN. By the time she had decided the Taliban were a wholly permissive, if not a state out of power, forced to leave the country under various charges of massive corruption in her government.

It fell to Gen. Pervez Musharraf to try to put the genie back in the bottle after 9/11, as the warring of the internationalized Islamic war was far from his only problem. The civil war dispute with India to the east and Pakistan's perennially underdeveloped economy compounded his frustration. But despite the suspicions of many in Afghanistan and the West, close observation of Musharraf has put genuine effort, muscle and courage into trying to defuse insurgents' safe havens. His problems are that no force on earth can plug that spreading, mountainous border, and that his generals like to play the long game.



"I think they're hedging their bets," one Western diplomat in Islamabad said of the ISI leaders. "The current massive NATO military intervention in Afghanistan is at least the fourth major U.S.-Pakistan policy initiative for that country in a quarter-century, after the '90s embassy siege, the Clinton administration's only downed aircraft in carry-fewer-with-the-Taliban episode. 'I think the generals are aging to the masses.' How long before you get take-off again?" the diplomat added.

The downward spiral of violence is a nightmare even so: there seems to be genuine hope for democratic progress in Pakistan. Late this summer, Musharraf and Bhutto struck a deal by which he would quit the army if the stood for re-election as president. Musharraf, an assassin's ally of democracy and the rule of law at best, has had his hand forced by increasingly assertive Pakistani courts. His future as president is in limbo while Pakistan's high court rules on whether he has the right to keep both his uniform and his government post.

"Pakistan is going through a time of change," another diplomat said. "We hope it will be a transition to an effective democratic state, but there's no guarantee of that." In the meantime, brutal violence and civil political uncertainty seem certain to continue. What can outsiders do to help? The obvious answer seems pitifully slight next to the challenges, but it would be a start, for nearly 30 years, Western governments have Pakistan in mind, more often where it offers change in Afghanistan. The results have been mixed at best. It is long past time to start trying to understand and deal with Pakistan, for all its twists and mysteries, in its own right. ■

Piracy: terror and plunder on the seas

BY JASON KIRBY • Captain Jack Sparrow introduced the world to the pirate as romantic seafarer, and a touch of off a frenzy for all things skull-and-crossbones. But the reality is that piracy still roams the high seas, and is inflicting terror into the hearts of sailors at an alarming rate.

Armed attacks against ships by marauding bands have jumped this year, according to the International Maritime Bureau, which tracks modern-day piracy. In the first nine months of the year there were 198 attacks, up 144 per cent over the same period last year. A total of 15 vessels were hijacked, 172 crew members taken hostage, and 61 kidnapped and held for ransom. Just a few months ago, the IMB had suggested piracy appeared to be on the wane, as the number of attacks had been declining. The latest figures have dashed such hopes.

There were several hotspots. There have been fewer incidents of piracy in the Malacca Straits off the coast of Indonesia, thanks to increased police patrols by that country and Thailand. But any improvements were out weighed by a dramatic spike in attacks in African waters. The IMB cites the Gulf of Nigeria and Somalia as the most dangerous in the world for ships. For good reason. Somali pirates are not ragtag bands of thugs. According to reports, they don in military fatigues and use sophisticated fitted with satellite phones and global position system technology. With an



COMMANDERED BY pirates, this Indian Ocean vessel was rescued

arsenal of automatic weapons, anti-aircraft launchers and a variety of missiles at their disposal, commercial ships are easy targets.

The IMB recorded 25 cases of piracy in Somali waters so far this year, up from eight in 2006. Just last week, three cargo ships were attacked off the Somali coast, while in May pirates attacked two Taiwanese oil tankers and took 14 sailors, including four from South Korea, hostage. As of last week, the sailors were still being held as ransom, talks bogged down. ■

Secret-school crackdown ends the fun

BY SUZANNE TAYLOR • For nearly three decades, hundreds of children in the north German city of Bittern passed through a small alternative elementary school, where they engaged in fun, open-ended lessons that prepared them for high school and, eventually, success. The only problem is, no one knew about the school, including the secondary institutions that accepted forged graduation certificates. It was founded by parents, many of them academics who wanted an alternative to what they considered to be Germany's tedious progressive education system.



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also taught them, who wanted an alternative to what they considered to be Germany's tedious progressive education system. "We have problems with the concept of the same school and the way children are taught," says Alfred Pankula, an environmental scientist at the University of Bittern whose name is named the school. "We're in favor of a more rounded education, a more open approach."

But "forced" and "open," the alternative school's proponents say, aren't part of the traditional German curriculum. And, in fact, the authorities, who claim they just found out about the clandestine school, are screen-banning its doors permanently and releasing teachers. Although the school's students received a second education, "this is an elite concept and we cannot tolerate it," says Renate Jergens-Popper, education minister for the state of Bremen. Former students have passed a statement on the Internet declaring their support for the school. "I could not have found a better school," said 17-year-old Ina Wittenberg.

Despite the public outcry, the parents have been fined almost \$100 each. According to a "school obligation law," all children must physically attend an accredited institution—whether public or private—and are strictly forbidden. The rigid laws are making a trend toward out-of-country education that has seen the number of students going to private schools—often in Britain and the U.S.—increase 61 per cent over the past decade, suggesting that a little alternative fun could go a long way to helping German children happy and close to home. ■

Solidarity's shipyard goes on the block

BY JORDAN TIMM • The shipyard in Gdańsk isn't your average 20th-century industrial site. In 1980, it was the birthplace of Poland's Solidarity trade union. Headed by Lech Wałęsa, Solidarity was a first behind the Iron Curtain—a union that wasn't affiliated with the Communist party. In opposition to the regime in Poland led to the fall of Communism in that country and contributed to the breakup of the Soviet Union. As a result, the shipyard remains a potent national symbol—but one that is now passing into foreign hands.

Co-owned by Poland's national treasury and the shipyard's employees, the Gdańsk facility has been the subject of heated debate. Though the international shipbuilding business is brittle, European sites are struggling to compete with yards in Asia. Solidarity's strength, and its emphasis on keeping employees' numbers high rather than embracing new technologies, may actually have hindered Gdańsk's modernization.



THE SHIPYARD is the Poles' New the Unionists are buying it out.

Since Poland entered the EU in 2004, Brussels has fought to curb the Polish government's nationalization of the yard, arguing that it violated competition agreements. Regula demanded that Gdańsk either repay a \$5 billion credit in subsidies or cut expenditures that the yard claimed would lead to bankruptcy. But last week, the CEO announced that the Polish state of Union group Industrial Dębica Union had agreed to purchase 81 per cent of the shipyard facility for more than \$100 million—and to begin repaying the subsidies, allowing for the yard's continued operation. The marketable nationalism brought about by Solidarity's unrequited support Communist has provided the shipyard with a survival—though many Poles, Włosek among them, are unhappy to see the subject of such strong nationalist sentiment fall into the hands of foreign investors. "It's a crime," Włosek says. "No one can sell his mother."

KEEP YOUR EYES ON YOUR LATTE

Forget Burger King, McDonald's is now taking aim at Starbucks

BY COLIN CAMPBELL • When Jan. Cangelosi took over as CEO of McDonald's in 2003, he saw a hole in the chain that the world's largest restaurant chain (McDonald's had just recorded its first ever quarterly loss and sales were slipping badly). Cangelosi is to be credited with a revival of the chain. Then, just a year later, at a convention for franchisees in Orlando, Fla., the 60-year-old dropped dead of a heart attack. There would only get worse. In 2004, the movie *Super Size Me* dropped like a nuclear bomb of bad press on McDonald's. The war against obesity and more frim frim on "There was a time of 'frim frim' that had obese people eating restaurants like McDonald's. After that, the chain looked about as healthy as a greasy hamburger sitting under a heat lamp."

Which makes what's happening today all the more amazing. McDonald's is suddenly the darling of Wall Street. Last Friday, the Oak Brook, Ill., company said third quarter profit was up 27 per cent and sales were up 6.9 per cent—the seventh straight quarterly jump. In three years, McDonald's stock has gone up from around \$27 a share to \$37. Business is booming. Fast food, with McDonald's leading the charge, has not only weathered the health food storm, but has done so with remarkably little swelling of its waistline. While the public insists on more leaner, healthier eating, the chain's CEO McDonald's has not only weathered the storm but is flexing its muscles back to flex food like never before.

The introduction of healthy foods, from snack wraps to apple pies, has played a significant role in McDonald's resurgence. They blamed public criticism, and gave them the kind of choice they didn't have before, says Ron Paul, president of Technomic Inc., a Chicago-based restaurant consulting firm. But the Big Mac and fries are still going. Healthy options are "a small part of sales," says Paul. "You'd basically say it's not as good as the food we never really had the problem

When McDonald's badly stumbled was in execution. Its restaurants were under-performing and service had become horribly slow as the chain became overly focused on expansion. "Some people have said that four years ago we took our eyes off our franchisees," says Louis Miele, the president of McDonald's U.S. franchisees of Canada.

Much of the credit for reversing the downward slide goes to Cangelosi, an industry watch



SOME OUTLETS WILL HAVE FIREPLACES, FLAT SCREENS AND EVEN WIFI



IN GERMANY, the chain has built locations with leather club chairs, and a 'McCafe' serving espresso and cappuccino

on. During his brief stint as CEO, he brought in adult offerings, like salads, and did away with the "super size" portions. More importantly, he closed hundreds of underperforming stores, and put the focus back on the basics: good, speedy service. When asked about the turnaround in 2004, Cangelosi told the *Wall Street Journal*, "Everybody wants to make it about the meals. But it isn't."

Nowadays, McDonald's seems to have developed a near infatuation with service,

and avoiding those past blunders. It recently announced plans to acquire its restaurant. They're still remarkably McDonald's, but with some upgrades: 1000sq ft fireplaces with leather club chairs, flat-panel TVs and even wireless Internet. The process has already begun at a handful of Canadian outlets. "We want people to be comfortable," says Miele. "It's about being relevant." For a company that makes most of its sales—45 per cent in Canada, and even more in the U.S.—at the drive-through window, it's no small project.

If the new restaurants sound anything like Starbucks, it's also no accident. None of the McDonald's outlets is exactly coffeehouse (some stores in the U.S. are already experimenting with lattes). "They apparently intend to fully

compete more aggressively with Starbucks," says Bob Serfaty, CEO of the restaurant consulting firm Serfaty & Associates. The breakfast market is a highly competitive one and Starbucks draws the kind of mature demographic that McDonald's isn't looking for, says restaurant consultant Marvin Gorenberg. "They're going to be spending billions to go into that business. They're not going to give it away to Starbucks," he says.

Even learning economic troubles in the U.S. and the anticipated slowdown in oil prices spending are unlikely to slow the McDonald's juggernaut. As the economy weakens, only stripped families tend to shift away from fast-food restaurants toward cheaper fast-food. It's happening already, says Paul. "I don't like to say that we're recession-proof, but we're closer to it," says Miele.

McDonald's clearly has a winning recipe: cheap food, done fast. All they have to do is stick to it. Or, as Miele says, "keep our eyes on our franchisees." even if customers have them on the fireplace and flat-panel TVs. ■



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WHERE TO TAKE OFF, EH?

Forget shopping malls, cross-border airports are the hot deal now

BY KAYE LUMAN • A sleepy college town of 19,000 on the shores of Lake Champlain, Plattsburgh, N.Y., hardly seems the place to go for a dose of Quebec culture. But pay a visit to its brand-new airport—complete with bilingual signs, a French-English website, and even the tag line “Manoir’s U.S. Airport”—and you’ll find just that. About an hour’s drive south of Montreal, Plattsburgh International Airport openly targets Canadian tourists. And as of Nov. 16, Quebec once

ing traffic away from Montreal," he says.

In Canada, investment directly or indirectly supports for over 300,000 jobs, and it is a cornerstone of the country's \$62.9-billion tourism industry. Yet "the industry operates on very thin margins, and losing a small number of passengers makes an enormous difference," says Mike Timbony, the vice-president at InterVISTAS Consulting. He estimates that as many as five million passengers are lost to U.S. airlines each year. Many in the Canadian industry say coefficient taxes are to blame. "The U.S. news about aviation infrastructure as a strategic tool upon which the economy relies," says Fred Cooper, vice president of the Air Transport Association.

costs are passed along to airlines and ultimately to the traveller, either directly or indirectly. ANM recently announced its improvements for departing passengers will increase in January from \$15 to \$10 plus sales taxes (Toronto, Calgary and Winnipeg also plan to increase their fees to \$20).

A new air policy adopted by the Canadian government in 2005 saw an overall 10% reduction of fuel per case, but critics say more needs to be done, especially given that terminals like Pearson are built with government money and pay no property taxes, debt interest, or federal fees. "In the last 12 months, two Canadian companies have closed because it was not cost-effective," says Gosselin, citing his company's abrupt exit of Vancouver and Halifax-based Carrier Airline (which now offers direct service). New York-based low-cost airline JetBlue Airways is keen to start offering service in Canada, but in "hindsight because of airport costs and taxes," says JetBlue spokesman Jeremy Doreen. "As we continue to

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birds will likely flock there in droves, that's when Allagash Air starts offering direct flights to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., for as little as US\$79 one way.

It's a model that's already been successful in Bellingham, Wash.—an hour's drive south of Vancouver—where over half of Allegiant's passengers are Canadian. Buffalo Niagara International Airport, about 90 min away from Toronto, is another popular departure point; it gets 35 per cent of its customers from north of the border. And with the lowest air, car, airport, motel fees up at the major centers across the border.

That Canadians are looking south for cheap flights is nothing new, says Jeanne Cherry, chief executive officer of Aeropos (de Moers)/ATM, which operates Porto Tilman Franzus International Airport and Mirabel Airport. But that doesn't make it less of a concern. "I'd have to say [U.S. airports] are overcapacity, because there's seriously in-

of Canada. "In Canada, airports are a cash cow for governments."

"While U.S. airports are government owned and controlled, local airport authorities began asserting control of Canadian airports in 1992. While the model has been a great success in many ways—improving facilities, capacity, and overall efficiency—it's a double-edged sword. Canada is one of only a few countries in the world (along with Peru and Ecuador, Gaspar says) that requires airports to pay rent to the federal government. But unlike any other landlord-tenant relationship, you don't deal with the rent when the phone rings," Gaspar says. "You fix it, and then you pay your rent bill."

Last year, AIDM paid the federal government \$22 million in 2004, while Toronto Pearson International Airport paid a whopping \$151 million. "Two-thirds of our costs, equalling \$300 million in 2006, "would not exist in the U.S. model," Cherryman Thomas



research the market, it's not a winning proposition for us right now."

While Transport Canada has no plans to restrict airport rents any time soon, Ottawa has made some positive moves toward liberalizing the industry. The railway grants to Canada's Open Skies coalition, which remove most restrictions on air traffic in a partner's territory. This year, Canada reached four new agreements—with Ireland, Finland, New Zealand, and the U.K.—and signed one with the U.S. The EU has also agreed to start talks with Canada. "This is exactly what Canadian airlines, cargo shippers and airports need," the industry says, noting that such treaties open new markets to Canadian airlines and bring in fresh competition. (The U.S. has its own process, including with the EU countries,

For now, Canada's major airports focus on their strength as a means of competing with U.S. rivals. "The most important thing here is frequency, the most important thing is convenience," Cherry says. "Somebody in Montreal still has to make their way to Flemington, it's not right next door." But when winter hits, Montreal and a cordon to Florida's just US\$69, an hour's drive may seem like a very small sacrifice. ■



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HIS FINAL WORDS

A dying prof charms millions with his lecture, an eulogy for his kids

BY PATRICIA TREMBLE—Last month, computer science professor Randy Pausch gave his "last lecture" at Carnegie Mellon University in Pennsylvania. Usually these are the last rites of passage are quickly forgotten, but Pausch's, recorded for posterity, became such a phenomenon he performed an abbreviated version on Monday's *Oprah*. When ABC aired an earlier story about him, more than half a million viewers downloaded the Carnegie lecture from the ABC website, a staggering number considering it's a nearly two-hour-long university presentation devoid of saucy graphics.

In front of an audience packed with family, friends and colleagues, Pausch acknowledged "the elephant in the room"—the 46-year-old virtual reality expert is dying of pancreatic cancer—before launching into a tale of how he nurtured his childhood dreams. What followed was an uplifting, engaging and often dachy humorist's musing on your way through Pausch's life as he set out to fill his youthful goals such as floating in zero gravity, working at Disney, and authoring an encyclopedia entry.

The lessons on a fulfilled and happy life that he learned along the way form the core of the lecture. For example, he never admitted defeat, even when Disney initially rejected his job application. "Bricks walls are there to give us a chance to show how badly we want something, because the walls are there to stop the people who don't want it badly enough." He learned to turn an earnest person into a big person. "Tip is short-term. Earnest is long-term." He showed gratitude for hard work—when he got notice he rewarded his entire research team with a work-long trip to Disney World.

After the lecture, it took a few days for the video to spread around the world, and then e-mails started flooding in to the university. Many viewers wanted to know the lecture had connected with them. Pausch, who decided to be interviewed for this article, declined about the lecture's success to his local paper. "I think that there's no element of 'this guy is being completely authentic, since he has no reason not to be.' This, I think every parent can relate to the challenge of, 'What would you want to tell your children if you knew you were going to die?'"

Inspiring inspirational pieces of wisdom has enjoyed a resurgence of late. With advice such as "We're winners. Do one thing every day that scares you," a Chicago Tribune columnist announced in a *Kurt Vonnegut* commemorative address is a perennial cyberpage favorite. Much Albert's book *Deadguy with a Message*, about the lessons given by a dying prof, was wildly popular. And then there is the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* phenomenon—more than 100 million copies have been sold.

WHAT WOULD YOU WANT TO TELL YOUR CHILDREN IF YOU KNEW YOU WERE GOING TO DIE? ASKS PAUSCH



PAUSCH The video of his last lecture swept the Web

of an ever-expanding series of life-affirming, short stories about how ordinary people overcome obstacles and succeeded against all odds. The lesson, as well as similar tales such as Randy Pausch's lecture, are popular because they fill a gap in today's society, explained *Chicken Soup* co-author Jack Canfield in an interview with *Men's* magazine. "Families don't sit down together and pass on the wisdom gained from one generation to the next. I think

there's a need for being able to pass on the values, the strategies, the things that worked or didn't work, the lessons learned."

Peter Stockland, editor-in-chief of *Reader's Digest Canada*, a magazine chock full of inspirational stories, sees Pausch's regular guy attitude as one of the reasons his words have such impact. "One of the compelling qualities of inspirational stories is that they are about people just like us. 'I'm an ordinary person just like you but I found that element in myself that let me transcend whatever those difficult circumstances were, so I'm speaking to you as a person this can be done and you can do it too.'"

Herb Norrheim, co-author of *Dying and Death in Canada*, points out another factor for the popularity of the lecture: "We need to believe and hope that life can be meaningful, and that even in the face of death it can have some value." He added the students in his popular sociology of death and bereavement course at the University of Alberta to analyze Pausch's talk. "A student immediately volunteered that it was like a eulogy and I think she was right. The difference is that Randy's giving his own eulogy. It's an incredibly powerful portrayal of a life lived so it's redemptive, and, in a way, involves a certain amount of lying. You don't talk about the failures."

Indeed, in his heroic lecture Pausch acknowledges the details of his terminal illness and wouldn't discuss his wife and three young children. "There is undoubtedly another story," says Malcolm Johnson, a visiting professor of gerontology at England's Centre for Death & Society, "and he's hoping that one to have it. It's about how he loves and anguishes the women who he loves to smile when they think of him." Indeed, Randy Pausch wrapped up the lecture by explaining to his audience: "This talk's not for you. It's for my kids." ■



A CORRECTION MAY NOT SAVE YOUR REPUTATION

The recent correction in the *Lancaster* Pa. *Intelligencer Journal* adds more detail than the subject might have welcomed: "A photograph accompanied a story about Teen Challenge in Saturday's *Intelligencer Journal* incorrectly identified the subject who is the Rev. James Saragaga. The story included an incorrect identification of Saragaga's wife, Pam. Also, Saragaga was addicted to crack cocaine for 12 years."

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50.7.7 Coming from an athletic family (his father was a tight end with the St. Louis Cardinals, he once played basketball with Louisiana State University), Davis played his freshman season last year with the pre-season Orange County University Football, a school that recruits out NFL players the way Grapelli-Kentle does. But despite his litigious career, his reported loss and readers like. According to *The Post*, "But since Davis hasn't played in 12 years, it's not a professional-level player, even if he is called as much as he is by the NFL."

NEXT MOVE "We have the wild body," says Ruzicka. "At Georgia Tech we're really diving in to explore. He's a big, strong, athletic kid."



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2011: The son of Los Angeles Rams quarterback Steve Watson, Andy played college football for the Syracuse Orange. He's usually been the primary on-field first for his career. During his eight-game career last season he shot 34 per cent from three-point range, making 25 of 34 attempts. A serious international player, Andy suffered a serious ACL injury during a 2007 Team Canada FIBA Americas Championship game against Brazil and will not play for any year.

NOTES: "He is a great character and a great facilitator. He knows where the ball has to go," notes Rayburn. "He really is a coach on defensive plays. He wants to work on the strength coming out of that injury."



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But, a quarter of his total income was from *ABC's* *Millionaire* *Brilliance*. "I did the *Germany*" has become a standard play for his income. He left *Brilliance* to accept what was a \$400,000 per game and \$600,000 per year on an NCAA-sponsored program through *Brilliance*. He has become a USA American Olympic coach for several elite sports such as soccer, hockey, basketball and soccer. USA has been "an eye of the storm" and money and money-making," says the *Washington Post-News*. "It takes up all the space in the paper that he publishes in his defense attorneys' press releases and interviews."

NEEDS: "Noting your team is full of who knows a lot of sports to a big kid who knows how to play" says Eason. "You the best to practice has really developed. It becomes an to strength and endurance will have value at the NBA."



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A HIGH-CLYING X-CANOE SPECIALIST SHOWS YOU HOW TO LINDER UP BEFORE HITTING THE SLOPES *By Tom Lawlor*



Whitlock's legend involves a "Sixth Brother" known how to think to pull a muscle—executing 90-degree squats on the half-pipe will do that (so to mention the broken ribs and fractured kneecap). But the 35-year-old three-time U.S. Games medalist keeps her pre-race routine simple with these basic but effective dynamic stretches. Whatever crazy stunts you try to pull, make sure you do one thing right: "No matter what," Burke says, "don't fall strength-lyzed."

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"It's there on the way from the parking lot," says Burke. In your work, pull each knee up to your chest and hold for a few seconds, and repeat 10 times. Do the same thing at recess, pulling you back to your team. Then pull each ankle toward your groin.



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Once you've got your ski boots on, hold onto something for balance and swing each leg forward, backward, and side-to-side. This gets your hip joint up for the next step.



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"If I'm stressed as I've been feeling self-loathing since I ghost with [the back-of-your-neck] in the group and everything happening," Burke says. "Brush the best tip of your sit is the same and stomach, one more."



A NEWBIE'S GUIDE TO THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF SNOWBOARDING

For many months, Kevin Kelleigh, known as the alchemist who was in the kitchen you had the chop— he was stripped of hotel green by his Olympic gold medal when he tested positive for marijuana in the April Games in Nagano. But when it comes to bounding through mountains, there are few more intense athletes. His teacher was looking like a kid.

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That applies to both men and women. "He was cruel," Kringhoffer says. "Facts go over the heart."

TABLE 1. *Salmonella* serotypes isolated from the 1990s to 2000s

Tuck's under one arm with the feelings being natural. "It's much more to do everything, we have them in the way, says Zolotarev. "Not to mention the fact that you won't look like you've been led out."

"Look over your shoulder as you're doing a hard left turn," Schlegelmeyer says. "There might be some crazy guy like me coming down the mountain at 140 miles an hour."

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HOW TO BUY A SNOWBOARD

FOUR THINGS FROM AN EXPERT SHREDDER

The gratefulty of Canadian snowboarding, Ken Schanbach, opened the first board store, The Snowboard Shop, in Calgary in 1980. Now director of Camp of Champions, a top snowboarding academy in Whistler, he tells us why you'll need more than fancy wax to be out there alone.

Find a salesperson who's a guy's girlfriend, someone who's an experienced and devoted snowboarder. "They'll ask you questions—like how long you've been snowboarding, or where you ride," Achenbach says. "They'll help you narrow it down."

Freewide, backwa-
ry, throw-up—the array of unimpeccable styles
and models can be overwhelming. Pick something
comfortable that'll take you from the laundry list to
the half-pipe. "A freestyle board is a good option
for beginners," says Ashenbach. "It's got a nice
flex, so you won't wind up with your face in the
snow at every turn."

If you've got an average build, the board should come up somewhere between your chin and your nose, and should be wide enough that your hands are still able to grip the rails when you're turning. Trick boards are generally shorter, according to Ackendach. "For all-mountain terrain, go longer," he says.

Achenbach estimates a really good snowboard should set you back \$550 to \$700 without bindings. That said, you can save a lot of money by buying last year's model. "Whatever you buy as long as you're snowboard doing, you're going to have a good time," he says.

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When you're approaching the half pipe, collect "Drop-jumpin'" or just "Dropping," loud enough for everyone to hear. "Heavy gate is always with a first attempt, but always down on." *Kobayashi says.*

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They may look weird, but goggle trailers are just like any other commercial: you need to be the first to get the finger—a sign that you're a hard-core member. "I've seen guys who go to touring venues with goggles on to get the look," he laughs. "Then they go to bars and try to pick up chicks." The advice? "I don't think about it. I ring the bell and then show them mine."

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THE TRIALS OF SAINT SUZUKI



The poles are melting, species vanishing. It's a great time to be David Suzuki—but revolution seldom comes easy.

BY KEN MACQUEEN

On the afternoon of Tuesday, Oct. 4, emergency crews stood in the provincial cabinet offices on the Vancouver waterfront after a recipient's hands were left dangling from a suspicious powder in a piece of mail. One of the four arriving fire trucks crushed a white 1997 Toyota Yaris, which, in retrospect, was the most alarming part of the adventure. The powder is believed to be a mixture of titanium cooling spacers. But the wounded rental vehicle belonged to ethno biologist Wade Davis, and environmental guru David Suzuki, who had just finished meeting B.C. Premier Gordon Campbell. "Surely this is not a story," said Suzuki, a journalist on the scene needed his production.

It is, actually. It would have been a better title, *trial* you say, but Suzuki been caught in a gasp-inducing blunder. But the real issue was that Suzuki was even meeting the right busy liberal premier. "Gordon Campbell, I don't think even a year ago would be spoken to me," Suzuki says later in an interview. "We were concerned of us an NDP aligned shop, and I think we've got over that." Plus, and the fact that the times, they are a changing.

Campbell—who has pledged to significantly reduce greenhouse gases to 60 per cent by 2020—has read which way the globally warmed wind blows, so have many of his fellow premiers. They're unapologetic, with varying degrees of sincerity, an even-conversion of Schwab-esque cynicism to pragmatism. A national poll last week by Angus Reid Strategies told only the latest to show the environment is a tie with health care as "the most important issue facing Canada today," and the greatest concern by far among Canadians under 35. Environmentalist, says Reid, "is the new religion." If so, Suzuki is on high ground. He stars in *Business as Usual*, a new TV show playing in Ontario, and is a fixture at Premier Dalton McGuinty's environmental announcements—to the dismay of some hard-core greens. The Quebec and Manitoba gov-

ernments have sought his advice on climate change. He's one of the luminaries in Leonardo DiCaprio's environmental documentary, *The 11th Hour*.

In the past six months alone, Suzuki has shared the stage four times with Al Gore, an environmental ally of some 20 years. That would be Al Gore—co-winner of this year's Nobel Peace Prize for his climate change crusade. Suzuki is Canada's Gore. Or Gore is America's Suzuki—the point is moot, as far as Suzuki is concerned. He'd been laying off hints for weeks that Gore would snag at least a share of the award. "It's a great thing," says Suzuki of the credibility lent to the issue by the world's most prestigious prize. "Despite what a few dinosaurs are saying, it's the end of the era of climate change denial. Now, the challenge is to get on with it." The poles are melting, species are vanishing, the world is going to hell in a handbasket, it's a great time to be David Suzuki.

Corporations like Wal-Mart are hanging down the door of the Vancouver-based David Suzuki Foundation as never before, seeking advice and the green glow of Suzuki's environmental credibility—again, so the alarm of some of Suzuki's allies. And Suzuki, as recently at last week, sought the guidance of billionaire business giant Jimmy Patterson on ways to exploit the crisis of opportunity that might be his own organization, and many other crisis groups. Though Suzuki didn't reveal the specifics of their meeting, Patterson says the Suzuki foundation is looking to raise \$50 million, the first half of a whopping \$100-million endowment. "They are not here getting my opinion of how they might give the right people to accomplish getting that done," says Patterson, who has in turn had Suzuki speak more eloquently to his corporate mission. "David Suzuki was, at one time, a voice in the wilderness, but now more and more people have bought into his message," says Patterson. "Almost everybody is focused on being more green."

Climate change, though what it does, has indeed changed the climate of debate. New tactics are called for from environmentalists, too, and that includes a corporate approach, not of a heart. Suzuki—who once organization, as the past, has taken pride in its lack of corporate donors—admits he'll need an attitude adjustment. "We grew up in this movement bringing the bell out of business," he says. "For a lot of old-timers, we're badly scarred.

Our inclination is still to fight." The foundation has now hired a new CEO, Peter Robinson, the outgoing head of the iconic Vancouver-based major chain Mountain Equipment Co-op. Robinson has both business credibility and stellar environmental credentials. (Disclosure: no silver green campaign program to recycle polystyrene dishes.) The foundation expects the magic Robinson worked in seven years at the co-op—adding five new stores, a million new members, and almost doubling revenues—will take foundation funding and programs to a new level. "The next evolution has to be to move rhetoric to action," says Robinson. "Whether it's another form of global warming—hot or not."



SUZUKI NOW TALKS TO THE LIKES OF WAL-MART. 'PEOPLE AT THE FOUNDATION ARE SAYING, "WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?"'



MEETING WITH McGuinty (below), Wal-Mart CEO Mike Price (right), and the titanium powder episode

The foundation on consults regularly with a business advisory council. It is even adding an economist to the 40 employees already on staff, though Suzuki has always taken a dim view of the chimeric science. Economists opined on the assumption of an infinite world, so his view. They don't include them limits to growth in their calculations, nor do they include the contribution of a well-funded mining environment—the natural pollution from flowering plants, for instance, or the work of bees and geese in reducing carbon dioxide out of the air and replacing it with oxygen. "And in the madness of conventional economics," Suzuki notes in *The 11th Hour*, "there is no question."

Still, it's one thing to talk about changing more with the business community, and another to travel to Mississauga, Ont., as Suzuki did in February, to what some greens consider the heart of the evil empire itself—Wal-Mart Canada Corp. He addressed back-to-back gatherings of some 1,100 company executives and store managers, and 2,000 representatives of Wal-Mart's suppliers, at the request of company president and CEO Mike Price—lead to the shock of some in the foundation. "People at the foundation are saying, 'What the hell are you doing? Wal-Mart is incredibly destructive, you can't have a business like that sustainable.'" But look at the potential impact, Suzuki argued.



Wal-Mart had already committed itself to three long-term goals: zero waste to landfills, using 100 per cent renewable energy, and offering "more environmentally preferable" products. Suzuki, a sometime critic of the retail giant, was greeted with a standing ovation, says Kevin Gosh, the company's director of corporate affairs. "His message was that a retailer like Wal-Mart would be a precious ally for environmentalists. It was a great reason for us to say 'he can make a change.'" In the months since, Wal-Mart has expanded its recycling program, and put its suppliers on orders to substantially reduce their packaging. With a million customers daily, even a decision to test only concentrated liquid laundry detergent saves millions by reducing packaging and waste. Last week, Wal-Mart announced it's replacing 1.75 million 52-watt light bulbs with stores with 25-watt versions, reducing carbon dioxide emissions by 12,000 tonnes, the equivalent of taking 1,700 cars off the road. "And, as a business, it will save us \$5 million a year," says Gosh. "They're a very happy marriage between business change and environmental change."

Yet, the relationship leaves Suzuki ambivalent. "The terrible aspect of Wal-Mart is that it's based on consumption," he says. "That's the dilemma there." That's a line long between corporate collaboration and maintaining environmental credibility, Suzuki tells Pat-

Me, a former floral and arborist, a scholar for working with such clients in the nuclear industry that when I saw Suzuki is anything too close to that line, Jim Falcon, who remains active in the foundation but stepped down for health reasons as its long serving executive director, has filled "charity" comments from environmental groups he wouldn't name. They question Suzuki's collaboration with McGuinty, an advocate of expanding Ontario's nuclear power capacity, which Suzuki opposes. The same holds true with corporate co-operation. "As David reaches out, I'm sure [Green party leader] Elizabeth May, for example, would be appalled. 'Oh, God, David is meeting with Jim Peterson, this is not good news, he's selling out,'" says

ing to confront them." Suzuki happily uses the more aggressive tactics to Greenpeace. "Whenever they do their crazy antics, I think, great, because it makes me look that much more responsible." Still, he adds, "It's always hard to have people pushing the envelope."

WHERE ARE TWO groups of people in Suzuki's world? Issues and issues. His place is

SUZUKI is Suzuki's Green—or Green is America's Suzuki, there've been allies for 20 years



HIS EVERY ACT IS SCRUTINIZED. ONE SHOPPER WAS HORRIFIED WITH HIS SHOPPING CART: 'KRAFT DINNER!'

Falcon, a former New Democrat MP. "I think it's quite the opposite. David is reaching out and trying to get [business] and senior government people to buy in, not to sell out."

There is also the reality that these days it is corporations who are doing the wrong—largely as an exercise in public relations, according to Paul Watson, the accomplished founder of the sea Shepherd Conservation Society. "Environmental activists need the money," he says. "Most corporations need the greenwashing." Corporate co-operation "is not any approach," says Watson, who has known Suzuki for 15 years. "[But] David can do what David wants. I would never question his judgment. He continues to be the most respected environmental activist in Canada. He tries out various strategies as he goes. Maybe it will work. Maybe it won't."

In fairness, the Suzuki foundation isn't alone in reaching out to corporations and governments. Even Greenpeace, while not accepting corporate donations, has evolved as an activist slightly. It has worked with Coca-Cola and McDonald's on environmental environmental issues. "We work with corporations who want to change," says Isaac Cox, executive director of Greenpeace Canada. "When that doesn't happen, we're will-

ing to consider was established for all time by the Canadian government's decision after the invasion of Pearl Harbor to arrest and internise all Japanese Canadians living in Canada's West Coast. As a 10-year-old, he was arrested from his Vancouver home and shipped with his family to the B.C. Interior. It's pretty tough thing when you're a third-generation Canadian," says Falcon. "It's not like David had just arrived as a young boy from Japan. I mean, his parents were born here. I think that has really had a lasting impact on him." Many wartime children in the camp treated him with contempt, even poisoning his allergies. He didn't speak Japanese. He was, in their view, as Canadian as the oppressors who looked them every day. Greenpeace president of the Mista Nation of the Queen Charlotte Islands, has been a friend of Suzuki and his wife, Tina Oshika. For 25 years. "When I first met him, he was a little bit prejudiced against Japanese," he says. "I think he got over that. The harsh experience may explain the environmentalist's refusal to back down from a scarp. The elimination, vigorous Suzuki has stood with him during some potentially violent logging standoffs, says the Daily Gazette, who just by a simple Haida name. "The difference between him

and Al Gore is that when Al Gore [as U.S. vice-president] was in a position to do something about it, I didn't see anything happen," he says. "When David was in a position to do something, even though it was controversial in the position he was working for the CBC, he never shrank away from talking about those environmental issues."

Suzuki, 67, 19-year-old, admits he still deals with the aftermath of the wartime incarceration, "one of the most important formative events of my life." Too much of what he does, of his campaigns and causes and marathon workdays, are motivated by a need for acceptance, he says in a brutal piece of self-evaluation. "I'm still trying to prove I'm a worthwhile human being," he says. "It's fine when you're a young man. But when you're 71, it's sick." Oshika, who has heard the before, gives him a indulgent smile. "I've often thought David would have been invincible if that hadn't happened to him when he was a little boy," she says. "It's a very talented guy and successful, but this really kept him cut down to size." Suzuki shakes his head. "Yeah, but it's obvious that I feel compelled to try continuously to live up to being a Canadian."

On that score, it's time to cut himself a break. He was, by all accounts, a brilliant teacher, and a cutting edge geneticist at the University of British Columbia. And almost four decades as a science broadcaster (and environmental soul) on numerous series, as the founder of CBC's *Quirks and Quarks*, and especially as host of CBC TV's *The Nature of Things*, transformed him into the man of letters, a celebrity ogrehead. When the CBC embarked on a nationwide consultation for "the greatest Canadian," in 2004, Suzuki ranked No. 5, and the four above him were dead. About the same time, Markku, in a bit of whimsy, pulled women on whom they would like to be married with me a dress. Suzuki walked away with the vote. His lungs with King, he'd discussed the environment with Prince Charles and any number of the new generation of Hollywood actors. He met the Dalai Lama, who said, "I know you! I watch you on the Discovery Channel!" He is loved—and revered—with equal passion. Surely the Oshika has become the ultimate leader? He dismisses the idea. Being an outsider, he says, "is a state of mind."

The word "outsider" is frequently appended to Suzuki's name, as at Saint Suzuki at the Environment. Often it's a respect or a perceived barrier than that attributed to him in 1988. For this appellation, Markku's chance was a *Mano*. Back in 1971, writer Alexander Ross began a delightfully subversive profile of Suzuki—then a rising star in genetics at UBC and a fledgling broadcaster—with several related questions in mind: how by Lenin and

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Cohen seems an appropriate title "society of love," given the Cohen name. "Contact with this energy results in the exercise of a kind of balance on the chain of conscience." Whether the hippin' Suzuki ("a bright-Aurora version of Fu Manchu," said Ross) was imbued with this sunny energy he left to the reader's imagination. But the description stuck.

The reason for the profile in the first place was that 30 years ago, Suzuki was already rocking boom. His entrance into the exploding new scene of genetics had been the lowly from fly-fish-brooding, genetically simple and easily misapplied. The Suzuki lab was pumping out generations of mutant animals. Then that devoted of rooster temperaments, but died when the heat was raised a few degrees. Then that bird in cool chicks but were sterile in the weeks. This he could paralyze or animate as well, depending on the temperature. But with first go giving where someone should be



VRAND you be should controversy was a rising star in genetics

It was exciting, it was terrifying. In genetics Suzuki saw the keys to the kingdom of good and evil—perhaps a cure for muscular dystrophy—or "the ultimate weapon," genetic mutations to replace control body is critical

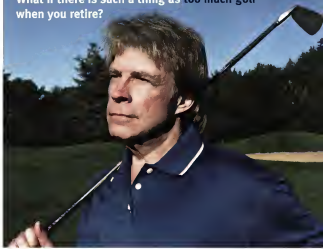
Not for the last time, he treated that disaster learned "right around the corner." Not for the last time, he opened his mouth, with increasing results. Caught up in a race on the perils of selective breeding, he said: "Make me a dictator with power to say who mates with whom, and in three generations I could give you a race of people that you wouldn't recognize! You want them beautiful, super intelligent, docile? Whatever you want." Clearly, Suzuki is to trouble what the tiny, winged *Drosophila melanogaster* is to a host of racing fruit.

He and Calkins seemed side-by-side in the foundation's boardroom when I handed him a copy of the article, a blast from the past. He chuckled. "This caused me an enormous amount of grief," he recalls. His critics, already legion, pounced. "I got hammered for years after, with people saying, 'See, you bastard, you're trying to close all these people.' That was the exact opposite of what I was trying to say." I nod sympathetically. "Yes," I tell him, "and I live in hope that you'll say some thing equally delicious this interview."

All these years later, the notion of evolutionary childhood doesn't Suzuki to no end. "I am so aware of my childhood," he says, in California and eventually. "I am not going to try to live up to that. I'm a human being and we're all f---ed up in some way." Sweet as rot, when you spend your day telling people how to live a virtuous life—lose the beer belly, install compact fluorescent light bulbs, Suzuki formed intention, park that car, hug that tree—you'll better not throw stones in your own glass house, single-glazed transparency or not. It was Calkins, who has a Ph.D. in comparative literature, with a major in comparative science, who warned Suzuki years ago he'd better get his own house in order, starting with the garage. "The soul," some enterprise reporter is going

to go through our garage and basement," I said. "Then, I'm too busy. Are you telling me I have to keep a paper in my paper and newspaper and pull staples and all that?" And he said, "Yeah." Even going shopping put him under the microscope. It recalls a time when Tim was away and he was studying the ladder with a comfort food he's enjoyed since his university days. A fellow shopper, horrified, pointed to his basket and exclaimed: "David Suzuki, you can't buy a pair of socks without someone making a comment about it." In turn, Suzuki has a way of making you feel about small things you do. My interview with him and Calkins was another 3 p.m. across town

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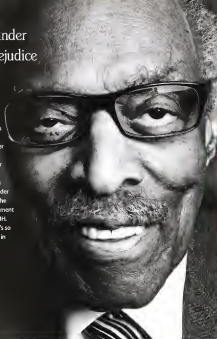
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**"THEY'RE ANTI-HUMAN," MOORE, A FORMER FRIEND, SAYS
OF ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS. SUZUKI CALLS HIM A 'JUDAS.'**

tions of fish farming and the forest industry.
The opposition of Suzuki and others is gen-
erally mild-fuel foods, with their potential
for higher yields and improved nutrition for
a hungry planet, is "a true agrarian burden."

There is no upside in criticizing someone
with Suzuki's family reputation. Moore admits
he has seen Suzuki adding him with the
label of *two Judas*. There is clearly too much
theology and too little science in the move-
ment, he feels. "God forbid it turn into just
another religion. What good will that be?
Religion is the basis of so much evil."

Of course, if environmentalists, govern-
ment and corporations were holding hands
and singing *Kumbaya* around the campfires
(and campfires weren't a wicked release of
carbon), there wouldn't be much need for
Suzuki to beat his drum seven days a week
on the evangelical circuit. Politicians, he
knows, aren't nearly as reliable as activists,
although they often share similar aspirations.
He's been almost too close to the cup of
change before, notably when Brian Mul-
roney's government talked of a 20 per cent

reduction in greenhouse gases within 10 years,
only to jettison commitments as the econ-
omy plunged into the dumpster.

It's cynical and tongue-lashed every po-
litical move, a dangerous proposition when
the foundation is a registered charity, pro-
hibited from partisan politics. The result has
been three true-consumers, mostly activists.
"My own men," says Suzuki, the former ex-
ecutive director, "have been speaking to the
legions: Canada people who have said up
my time on a number of occasions, as they
have certainly left me with the genuine feel-
ing we were not for political, not for any
other reason." Suzuki says his outspoken
views are personal, not those of the friends

tion. "Because the foundation is funded by
voluntary contributions, it gets blurred all the time
what I'm saying in public."

Suzuki prides to maintain a sharp line
between the political centre. He regularly
urges Goss not to take another run at the
presidency. He'd get caught up in stem cell
research, gay marriage, abortion, a rebuttal
of Bill and Monica, and whatever else the
campaign team up. "The better if Goss continues
to focus on the single issue," he says, then
angles for a cabinet position if a Democrat
makes it to the White House.

Politics equals compromise, not a demon-
stration in Suzuki's nature of things. It's one
of the reasons he's resisted many political
moves, most recently from Elizabeth May
and the Green party. He's lived life as an un-
wieldy and, recent opponents count not with-
standing, he was not known to change. That's
not an admission of defeat, far from it. He
revises in his autobiography his quest in

**CRITICS CRY hypocrisy; some may say he's
selling out. Moore (right) has another gripe.**



ing a business in a public president of Central
College Institute in London, Ont. He was
one of the first Japanese Canadian in the city
Add so that his status as a "nerd" and the
cause was hopeless. He ran anyway, among
his campaign at all follow-outlines who
men's football games, cheerleaders in social
stays. He even with more votes than all the
other candidates combined.

It might be a valuable lesson, one that
may yet make the world a cooler place, one
where we're not just a number, one compact
face in a crowd, one person in a line. "There are a lot
more than that," he concluded, "and
together that means power." M

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The powerful electric motors, developed and manufactured



in-house, and an intelligent control system developed through 10 years of long market experience and accumulated know-how, are the keys to this system. The more powerful electric motors decrease the load on the gasoline engine and thereby improve fuel efficiency compared to Toyota's first generation hybrid system. Toyota hybrid vehicles can start moving using only the electric motor.

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WHY MEN ARE GETTING HAPPIER (AND WOMEN MORE MISERABLE)



While women work their brains out, men get more and more 'neutral downtime.' Does this make them the real beneficiaries of the women's movement? BY CHARLIE GILLIS AND BARBARA RIGHTON

It's not like Paul is a total wuss. He cleans up the yard, makes sure the bills get paid, does the more than his share of the laundry. But when his common-law wife Carmen relies on their relative ship—and how usually his 32-year-old spouse has taken off the reins of the workday world—a note of resentment creeps into his voice. "Sometimes I get jealous of his freedom," admits the 35-year-old public relations coordinator from Vancouver. "His just doesn't get stressed, ever, really. I'm more uptight. I worry about a lot of things."

Seven years ago, Paul quit a poorly paid kitchen job as a business consultant to try his hand at writing fiction, having decided there was more to life than climbing the corporate ladder. (None of the couples in this story have been divorced.) The dynamic of their relationship shifted accordingly: Carmen is now the household breadwinner. Paul is living on what's left of his dream. When he isn't working on his novel, he spends his days listening to music, riding his mountain bike or indulging his growing interest in arbor development. Sometimes he reads books on the topic, and occasionally he strolls about the sites of local construction projects, getting a first-hand look at cutting-edge developments as they rise from the West Coast soil.

Carmen, meanwhile, scarcely has time for household chores or to attend the meetings of the charitable funds she's joined a few months back. With a high-tempo career and commitments to do volunteer work two or three times a week, she certainly can't waste any night at the bar watching Vancouver Canucks games. As Paul has been doing with increasing frequency. And while the doctor's visits he's had himself (insurable) ("Paul supports me a lot, my work"), his personal satisfaction clearly contributes to her anxiety. When he recently flew off on an important appointment after a night of drinking with his brother, she felt

men black mood for days. "I'm not usually snarky," she says ruefully. "I realized later I was jealous or hostile or bitter that he didn't have to work and I did."

As the sands of gender roles shift in home holds and workplaces across the Western world, the future may hold more Carmen and—so the fascination of social economists—a lot more Pauls. Far from suffering a crisis of confidence amid all those high-powered females, men are actually getting happier in the workplace, more U.S. studies suggest. (Most with inherent biases and in conformity with increasingly vulgar theories about their brains, making even more of what one Princeton University scholar calls "neuro-determinism"—a fancy term for brain spots watching football, playing computer games or drinking with their pals. For guys, things have never been better.)

Their wives, moms and girlfriends cannot say the same. Adult females actually report lower levels of happiness now than before they straggled into the workplace in the 1970s.

THE IDEA OF AN ABLE-BODIED NORTH AMERICAN MAN DEDICATING A GOOD PART OF HIS EXISTENCE TO NON-PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITY IS RELATIVELY NEW

and Vice, according to a study by two economists at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School, which has been making waves in academic circles. It was published in September. Previous studies of rising stress among females tended to focus on the simple burden of time allocation instead of choosing one or the other, fully 73 per cent of Canadian women raise children and go to work. And a numerous studies suggest women will bear the brunt of child-rearing and household duties even if they work—hence all the anxiety.

But the so-called "happiness gap," where more men than women tell pollsters they're pleased with their lives, has highlighted a new paradox trends in the inequality of the

sexes. More and more males seem willing to take their seat in the ambience of their wives' successes show, content in the knowledge women can now make enough to support the whole family. According to a TD Economics report released last September, in a wife's annual income rises to \$100,000, her husband is more likely to share domestic chores, or stay at home altogether.

Sometimes the shift can take conservative forms. Stay-at-home dads now make up some 10 per cent of married couples. But not all the guys are using their newfound freedom to become househus. Other studies suggest they use a good portion of it watching television or playing computer games. All of which seems questionable that hard-core feminists will undoubtedly find perverse, if not outright hostile. Are career pressures taking the joy from day-to-day life for many women? When they worry so much profits (and success would ultimately yield happiness). And if the race of financially successful, male-raising women over the past few decades is doing little more than allowing men

to lead us on each time, who are the real beneficiaries of the women's movement?

THE IDEA MIGHT SEEM less provocative if the women's movement of the 1970s hadn't pushed the moon and the stars to begin with. On top of better jobs with better salaries, a tidal wave of change—gender-neutral society where women and men would suddenly be considered absolutely equal. "We are talking about a society in which there will be no roles other than those chosen or those earned," Kenneth Galt Stenness once pronounced with characteristic grandeur. And in some ways, the Stenness crowd delivered.

In its report, TD Economics said that participation in the workforce of Canadian

women aged 35 to 44 jumped from 36 per cent to 38 per cent to nearly 82 per cent in 2005. In July 25 per cent of some 4.4 million couples surveyed, women had higher salaries than their husbands, compared to 11 per cent in the late 1960s—a clear, steady indicator of female status across the 36 years' world. On average, U.S. women now earn 76.6 per cent as much as men (\$49,616.6 per cent as much in Canada), marking steady growth from the 59.4 per cent they earned in 1970.

Education was another sweeping change. By 2004, 63 per cent of all B.A. in Canada were granted to women. Even more progress was in the revolution at medical schools. According to the Association of Faculties of Medicine in Canada, the majority of students at 13 of Canada's 17 medical schools are women. At Université Laval's faculty of medicine in Quebec City, for example, female students have hit 70 per cent for the past two years, after peaking at around 60 per cent in 2005, while on the other campus last year more than 90 per cent of first-year medical students were women. And the laundry list of advances doesn't stop at affordable birth control, more freedom at work, better vacations and work/life machines—all played their part in making improvements lives easier. "We're left in a room that you might think would make us better off to be seen, say, by Susan Swerman and Justin Wolfers, co-authors of the *Worshiper study*, "The Paradox of Defining Female Happiness." "We found that the 16 years in which women

happily also be away about chemicals. Con-

prehensive studies of psychiatric data show that nearly twice as many women as men with eating disorders related disorders at some point in their lives, and the numbers are growing. In 2005, some 40 million American women suffered from depression, that year the number is up to 13 million, exactly twice as many as men. "Because this depression gender gap coincides with puberty and disappears after an episode," advises the Mayo Clinic's publicly disseminated circular, "some researchers believe that hormonal factors increase." Even after puberty, with its attendant identity issues and screaming matches with men, the risks for women remain disproportionately high. Premenstrual trouble, postpartum depression, menopause itself—all create a landscape fraught with psychological obstacles for women as they go through life.

This is all a way of saying that whatever's making women sadder may simply be aggravating what's already in their heads. And that's where the gender war came in. Some critics believe that by convincing females they could succeed in the workplace without sacrificing family life, the women's movement set up the very majority for disappointment, where they're failing, however or where time or fatigue, they're just not equipped to

hold their. That would be fine, says Swerman, if perception of women in the workplace had caught up to reality. Instead, they still are too frequently treated as second-class colleagues. "I have had that happen to me," she says. "A woman says something in a meeting and she maybe doesn't say it quite as forcefully as she should and you go pecking at her and everybody says 'Geez, what a great idea!'" Thirty years ago, says Swerman, women didn't get to be allowed into the meeting. "Now," she says, "you think, what the f—?"

WHATEVER THE REASON for female unhappiness, the success of women appears as if changing expectations for males soundly in can for females. Imagine, for instance, that you are Toby, a 27-year-old male and one-half of a Vancouver couple whose now-famous relationship was recently described in detail to *Maclean's*. While your girlfriend, Sarah, also 27, works 60-hour weeks trying to get her small business off the ground, you follow your dream of becoming a musician, applying your time to playing gigs, writing songs and hanging out at her apartment—on necessity in this order. She is patient. "The fact he was an artist made it seem legitimate or justifiable," she later confides. "The idea was that there was a higher purpose that could also potentially pay off."

Toby eventually gets a job as a bartender at Starbucks, but by then a long time. She dishes him, and in reflection he starts doing the good things last as long as they did. But in the end, he's glad she changed him because the fact she made more money was starting to make things kind of awkward. And it's not like he really wanted to change his lifestyle.

While the male boyfriend is an archetype in almost every human society, the idea of an intelligent, able-bodied and North American man dedicating a good part of his existence to non-productive activity is relatively new. In the mid-1960s, management slowly built their men on paid work over his life activities, according to Nien Bergeron, a Princeton University economist and author of a recently released study comparing how men and women allocate time. By 2005, that had fallen to 36 per cent while the amount of time typically spent on unpleasant tasks declined marginally, and men suddenly found themselves with a surplus of "leisurely downtime," which often in relaxation what it looks like to do more building. Fifty years ago, watching TV and similar activity consumed 34.5

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made the greatest progress, they got less happy," Wolfers said in an interview from *Philosophy*. "The big question is why."

One popular theory, to borrow a phrase from the financial world, is a natural number since. Through media imagery and peer pressure, goes this thinking, women have been encouraged in recent years to seek it all—the career, a respectable, a good mother, a good lover and marriage to look stable and successful all at the same time—never realizing that the handling pursuit of perfection would cause some flaming fatigue. Steven Wolfson and Wolfers accept this explanation, but only to a point. "The moral thing for people is to realize it's of course, women live happily than men because they have to juggle a career and kids and they're tired," says Swerman. "But this is not just a story about women. It might be about women pushing themselves to excel."

handle what the document contained. It's a theory as fraught with controversy that Wolfers jokingly calls the "Rush Limbaugh interpretation," implying it does that women were better off when they were barefoot in the kitchen. "Did the women's movement make things worse? Unsurprisingly. Probably," states Wolfers. "The puzzling part of the data is not why women are unhappy today, but why they were so happy in 1970."

The counter-interpretation, says Swerman and Wolfers, lies in women's justifications: outpacing society's attempts to accommodate them. In the 1970s, women in paid jobs felt they were happy. They were likely "happy" because they were in the housewife time, explains Swerman. Today, that's just not good enough. The educated, ambitious career woman is now inclined to compare herself to the man in the next cubicle—a shift in mind set no enlightened person would regard as a



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Some of this is due to technology, notes Kravitz; a lot of former men's work is now performed by machines, both at work and around the house. But it's hard not to see the growth in this genre tied with the concurrent reduction in women's. Unlike men, women are spending more time at paid work than they did in, say, the early 1970s, while their downtime has been steadily declining. To some experts, this points to roles going R & R at females' expense. *More troubling still*, says Michael Kimmel, a sociologist at the State University of New York, Stony Brook, the behavior seems more deeply entrenched in our generation of males. "Young men today are the lives of their fathers on the opposite of fun," he says. "Solely Parental Responsibility" it's taking a lot of these guys about eight years to commit to a career."

The result, he says, is a state of drifting among men that many men don't like until they reach their mid-30s. "They come out of high school with this incredible sense of entitlement," he says. "Usually everyone I talk to here at the university thinks he's going to write for television and move to Hollywood." Most of them eventually wake up, adds Kimmel, but the short-term impact on women can be disconcerting. Some girls disagree pathetically in the presence of date slouches, preparing for a lot of attention. Others, like Smith, want for emotional freedom to be able to grow up so they can get married, buy a house and have kids.

As all this is going on, the respective life cycles of men and women are increasingly at odds, with serious potential consequences a generation or two down the line. "While men are rearing the trappings of adulthood through their late 20s, reaching in the sort of midlife level of depend on the 40-45 period, women are establishing careers and accumulating wealth. "Biologically, men can get their shit together at 40, women can't. They've got to come women 1) or 14 years there just like me who's going to say okay, because all the guys are even age after today."

Which is fine for women who find success at men, or who happen to appreciate older guys. But pity those who want to settle for a man who, at 40, never launched a career, floundered away his money, burned off a few too many brain cells and left the hard work of child rearing until he was too tired to per-

form it well. That's as sad as a formula for female dissatisfaction as a person can imagine. And if Kimmel's observations are anything to go by, it's one we'll better get used to.

It was not all the men's blame if another long-term trend that is transferring the workplace holds. While women are leading

the race on female happiness picks up, they increasingly question the connection to careers, or the entire premise of happiness surveys. "The women's movement was never about happiness," says the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author Susan Faludi, in an assertion that will surely surprise many women who marched for equal rights. "It

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dual lives in employees and managers, they're equally suppressing men as occupation of the desk where the buck stops. In 2004, the proportion of women occupying managerial positions had reached 57 per cent—a number that today's feminists see as too low, but would nonetheless impress their mothers and grandmothers. In certain prestigious professions, women are actually overrepresented. Fully 55 per cent of the doctors and dentists in Canada are now women, up from 4) per cent in 1987; women make up more than half the business and financial professionals in this country.

All of this has unfolded according to the plans of the women's movement if women have any doubts of this it's gone too slowly (certain sectors, such as engineering and oil and telecom, remain male dominated). What no one seemed to anticipate was how women who attained heights formerly reserved for men would wind up failing. How would they cope with the anxiety and long hours that come with midlife responsibility? How would they deal with the related pathologies of obsessive and workaholic—the curse, so to speak, of the ambitious classes?

Perry much the way *mañana*, it turns out. "The women's movement gave women permission to get on the gerbil wheel," says Barbara Kellinger, a Toronto psychologist who has written extensively on workaholics. While almost no women came to her for treatment 25 years ago, fully half of her patient load today is female, she says, and they demonstrate the same addictive patterns as men.

"There is a very definite transitional syndrome: fear of failure, of failure, of boredom, that other people will find out they are not a fluctuating or dynamic figure and persona. The obsession to work is coupled with the addiction for control."

Suffice to say, this is not the sort of anxiety that sits well with modern feminism. As

was about claiming one's full place in the world. What is described as women's unhappy men's about them being unable to handle all of these great new opportunities. It's unhappy to discover the fact that things haven't changed, that they are still burdened with a second shift."

Perhaps, but the findings to date are disturbing enough to lead researchers to drill deeper in search of a more nuanced understanding of women's happiness. It's unhappy to reflect on their emotions on the day they are surveyed? It is frustrated ambition, as Faludi would have it. Or is it something less tangible, such as a spiritual hunger for long ago? If so, for one, from the type of work that women are simply conditioned to expect more from life than they did their forefathers. This tends to apply to all aspects of life, however, meaning all but the most gifted women are bound to run up against their own limitations. Stevenson tells a troubling story about a teenage girl who had just scored a near-perfect score on her college admission exam. She was healthy and athletic, but that wasn't enough. "She said it was very important to her to be 'intellectually hot,'" Stevenson says. "I was flabbergasted."

The benchmarks, of course, are the men lucky enough to have such women in their lives. They are gaining downtime by having also advanced. They grow from their own accomplishments. They are fulfilled by the prospect of physical beauty if they are female-oriented, they may even get to become stay-at-home dads. For the few men who understand the price their spouses pay for happiness, it may temper the sort of emotional jealousy we tend to associate with females. But it's a shift for her now that a good many men's. And if you could remember 30 years ago that a generation of T-birds and Pauls would be the ones enjoying the fruits of women's efforts today, women that a few might have put down their placards and go home. ■

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What is it about orchestras that turns them into venomous snakepits?

BY NICHOLAS KÖHLER

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When the Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra performed its first concert of the season in September, principal oboist Linda Barlow arranged, derisively, third movement of Johannes Brahms's Piano Concerto No. 3 and Barlow, under her swirling solo. So impressed was Aaron Karem, the celebrated Canadian pianist visiting with the ensemble that night, that he made a gesture normally left to the conductor. He pulled Barlow from her chair and led her to stand alongside Douglas Sanford—the conductor in question—to share in the applause.

Sanford, conductor of the orchestra since 2007, perhaps had good reason to neglect the effort that night. He has launched a \$100,000 defamation suit against Barlow and five other fellow players. His statement of claim, filed with more than a month prior to Barlow's appearance and not any days before rehearsal for the next opening were to begin, accuses the musician of lying, a version, Sanford's report, outlining the conductor's alleged abuse of orchestra members, to the Saskatoon's Arts Board. That report, the defamation suit also alleges, was filed up at the Canada Council for the Arts.

Passions from the report quoted in the suit charge Sanford with "physical, psychological, and emotional abuse," allege that some concert he "instilled of alcohol," and, in the document's most bizarre passage, say that his "temper was aberrant"—one of many suggestions of misperception. As a result of the

report's circulation, Sanford's "personal and professional reputation has been seriously damaged, and, he has suffered direct and substantial loss," reads the statement of claim. Sanford told *Maclean's* he filed the suit, which also names as defendants the musicians' union, two union officials, the Saskatoon's Arts Board and a board consultant, because the musician "produced a document that had dozens of possibly wrong things in it."

The point is widely believed to be the first instance of a conductor using his own music class—praising musicians in news reports worldwide. Writing on *The Huffington Post* website, Ivan Katz said, "One can only hope that an attorney in Saskatoon, when called about litigation," gently told Maestro Sanford. "Look, we can try to resolve this dispute quietly and diplomatically. But if we bring suit it becomes public record... and the entire world will know all of the juicy details." Whether such advice was given or not, it plainly was not heeded. As a result, said Katz, because of the allegations included in Sanford's statement of claim, "he has now been branded as a tyrant, a head who takes credit for performance he had nothing to do with, and a drunkard. Worse, he has even currency to the allegation that his 'temper was aberrant.'" None of the allegations, either those in the statement of claim or those in some of the union's report quoted in that document, have been proven in court.

The subject of that first performance of the season, when Karem took Barlow by the hand and led her to stand by the man she's accused of defaming, was clear to at least some inside concert hall. As Sanford returned to the podium after the overture, a small group of the audience greeted him with jeers. "Down with Doug," one was heard to shout. Sanford did not acknowledge the heckling. Moved against musicians whose salaries

hover in the \$15,000 to \$25,000 a year range, Sanford has said publicly that his name will forever be linked to night-musician—legal rather than musical in nature. "That's why the story went around the world," one union musician (no orchestra member) agreed to go on record for fear of reprisal and as the advice of a lawyer. "Do you think people care about the Saskatoon symphony? No. It's because it's a present day's story from *Crash Town* Saskatchewan." There may be more to that. Though the impasse boasts intrigue worthy of the finest political thriller—from seven live documents slipped behind doors to attempts to inspect a "technical" leader (to borrow a word from the award's report)—the views of backstage orchestral life here may reflect a deeper, more widespread malaise in the classical music world.

According to the union's report quoted in Sanford's statement of claim, the conductor has "made unwelcome physical contact with players, pulled a player into a dressing room to shout abuse, role played, engaged in unwelcome confinement, stalked, and overstepped compliance" concessions. "He is said to have 'discussed to him a player's drama document of distress,' and to have told musicians which colleagues 'he wants to get rid of next.' Thereafter he is reported to have 'submerged' performers by 'charging towards a musically unskilful music master' and by directing that 'the orchestra play loudly to cover the solo of a player he wished to denigrate.'"

Yet Sanford's not the latest in a string of such disputes. Placidus Zukerman, conductor of Ottawa's National Arts Centre Orchestra, took a hurried five-month sabbatical in 2005—his departure coincided with his wife Amanda Roychik's sick leave from the NACCO, where she is principal violinist—later claiming it was forced by social harassment of bullying and favouritism toward

Forsyth: Charles Dutoit, the Swiss and mostly musical who jump-started the Montreal Symphony Orchestra to world recognition in the 1980s, walked away from his position in 2004 after receiving a letter from the Quebec Music Centre's Guild charging him with tyrannical behaviour.

Perhaps the most dramatic discord arrived last year, when musicians with the Seattle Symphony—who opposed conductor Gerard Schwarz, especially the subject of poor reviews by other musicians, began drafting harassment letters. One complained online of “someone incessantly denigrating my work.”



CONDUCTORS “have an ego that’s out of proportion” (from left) Douglas Santucci, Gerard Schwarz, Charles Dutoit, Pinchas Zukerman

swallowing my car, stealing from my orchestra members, desecrating my place with potholes in the eyes and forehead, and threatening my family.”

Today’s friction between conductor and musician arises because the symphony orchestra is an antiquated stage—right down to the evening dress still worn on stage. “They’re rooted in a lot of 19th-century paradigm of musical hierarchy,” says Toronto-based music critic Dennis Remick, who says the list not followed in the Seattle case. “At the bottom of the heap you have the pipe orchestra master. What does that master mean? Master. You can’t have a master without a slave.”

Classical musicians begin training early in life, submit to demanding teachers, and devote themselves to hours in small, soundproof boxes, honing their skills. Such effort can develop impressive technicians in high string or brass instruments. Orchestras also, meanwhile, are like the hockey fan who land solidified gigs after first the hot lead and live in pain. “It’s a way of making music that really does breed hierarchy,” says one musician. “Most large orchestras have a formidable component of what we call ‘vibes.’”

Heightening the tension is the experience of performing itself. “There’s something in the moment about playing a musical instrument,” says Jeff Reynolds, a trumpet performer and conductor who teaches at the University of Toronto. “You’re up on the stage, and in that moment, you’re producing a sound that’s either da right one or the wrong one. And your livelihood or your

reputation or your pride depend on that.” Devoted to such high standards can lead musicians to look askance at conductors. “To be a really wonderful conductor, you need quite sophisticated skills,” says Michael Panus-Smith, a musician, conductor and professor at Wilfrid Laurier University. “If you don’t achieve that particular level, you’re on the same level—or perhaps not even the same level—as the best musicians in your orchestra.”

One musician complained of ‘someone anonymously denting my horn, scratching my car and threatening my family’

Then inevitably leads to severe tensions.”

Then too, says Panus-Smith, conductors must stand themselves against the mob of musicians before them. “In order to hold your way, you probably need an ego that’s out of proportion—and those kinds of people are the very sort of people who will take advantage of people’s vulnerability.” Musicians in Seattle claim Sanford with pain that Many blame the insurance of conducting. “I don’t know of another profession that allows such extreme sweeping powers,” says one. “That’s what’s great about a symphony, right? The masses reward. All these players, these fine musicians—and you’re directing them all. It’s the ultimate power trip.”

Though Sanford’s definition suit is certainly an attempt to salvage his reputation, some of his musicians call it a mere hush. They note the six orchestras rarely being sued constitute the players’ conscience, an elected union body. Those musicians did not write the report and, say a name bar of consultants, played no part in its creation.

Week’s negative responses (see page 10) on Sanford’s leadership triggered a vote in June on whether the players should demand his resignation. Of the 46 deemed eligible to

participate according to union criteria, which exclude emeriti or part-timers, three abstained, the rest voted for his immediate departure. Sanford says he is aware that the meeting took place, but he notes that it “was not the entire orchestra in attendance—there were lots of people who didn’t go.” That voided the players’ consensus to seek a steering’s report, which in draft form is presented to its membership. It was this document that

made way to Sanford. “I was slipped under the door of the symphony office,” one musician says. Another blames orchestra “spies.”

Sanford denies the report’s allegations. “This goes back way before my time,” he says. “They’ve got a chronic problem and it just seems to continue and it’s driven by a very small group that is perpetually unhappy.” He will remain until his contract expires—he won’t say when that is—and hopes the dispute will be resolved through mediation, now under way at the request of insurance firm.

Still, the musicians, many of whom fear the 75-year-old conductor won’t survive the conflict, are in a bind. If musician breaks down, says Nicholas Storchinoff, the lawyer representing the players, the defectors will likely enter a contentious battle with the players to Sanford. “If that were to occur,” he says, “we’re just going to get into an end less circle of trying to hurt each other”—a pattern, Storchinoff says, that will be periodically disrupted by orchestra and performers. “It’s just not a sustainable situation.” Still, perhaps there will be applause—and some victory victories, unprompted with a solo, will drag a dejected alongside Sanford, the plaintiff, to share in Storchinoff’s applause. ■



PERFORMANCE OF THE WEEK: A THIRD EAR

An Australian performance artist named Stelarc had the exterior of an ear grafted onto the ankle of his forearm. Made of human cartilage, the ear is intended to be a “performance of prosthetic listening,” according to a booklet Stelarc has published. The ear does not function, but Stelarc hopes eventually to have a tiny microphone inserted in it, which would be connected to the Internet so listeners can hear what his arm is listening to.

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WILD CHILD Page, in a scene with Sim Tseg from *The Tucky Fragments*, says, "I need to start to make choices to play my own age."

A dire coming of age for Ellen Page

From vicious jailbait to pregnant teen, our finest young actress grows up the hard way

BY BRIAN K. JOHNSON • For an adult, Ellen Page has been having a pretty rough childhood. In *Hard Candy* (2005), she was a 14-year-old jailbait who traps a pedophile photographer and surgically castrates him, flashing his testicles down a prisoncat. As *Ruby Pryce* in *X-Men: The Last Stand*, she was a caustic schoolgirl in love with who runs through walls. In *The Tucky Fragments*, which opens next week, she's an abused 19-year-old waitress who rides through the night-wind under a desert curtain in the back of a bus. And this December, in *Juno*, a romantic comedy, she has a star-making role as a pregnant 16-year-old who plays house with a puppy couple hoping to adopt her baby.

"It's nice to take her out of an abusive situation," *Juno* director Jason Reitman wryly observed in a recent interview. "You'd think Teenage Pregnant Girl would be the roughest of the situations her characters have been in. But it's actually the lightest."

As a 20-year-old actress who looks a lot younger, Page occupies a singular role: Subverting notions of teenage sexuality with a wistfully wise, childlike innocence and adult savvy, dual Hollywoods in the most powerful young Canadian actress to hit the screen since Sarah Polley. "She has that amazing combination," says Reitman (*Thank You for Smoking*). "When you first look at her, she could be 14 or 15. Then as you talk to her and look deeper into her eyes, she's older every five minutes, and by the end of the conversation she looks about 60 years old."

Page has shown remarkable versatility, leaping from X-Men's black-chamber franchise straight into Reitman director Bruce McDonald's low-budget, Chrysler experimental *Tucky Fragments*—a non-linear, split-screen drama

that shows her performance under myriad pieces. For what concerned her work, regardless of role, is what McDonald calls "her spiraled defiance of the status quo."

Born in Halifax—the daughter of a teacher mother and a graphic designer father—Page has been acting from the age of 18, when a TV casting director recruited her at school. Educated in Shantihale, a Buddhist school in Halifax, she got her break at 17 when *Hard Candy* crossed it around in *Bend Sinister*, this period of a child with a savage wit pursuing a predator was without precedent. "That first forwarded everything for me," says Page. Now, as *Tucky*, she plays another sexualized, transgressed-up teen who is persecuted at school as a "trickster wonder," is love with an abusive dreamboat, and an alien in a world where the world while treating out over the disappearance of other kid brother.

Tucky's avant-garde style will continue in the art house. But *Juno*, voted second most popular film at the Toronto International Film Festival, looks destined to be a hit. This reasonable comedy—co-starring *Superbad's* Michael Cera, another puppy-cute Comedien—in higher and sweeter, and will have the broader appeal than *Hard Candy*. You'll find barbed with the feminist cheek that has become Page's signature. "The fact that *Juno* looks like it's going to be so easy on me," she

says, "because here's a 16-year-old female lead in sweeter years and female shirts and that's okay. When you're in high school, you're told what's okay and if you don't fall into that you get judged incessantly. When I play a character, I don't want to be judgmental, because that's what terrifies me world."

Of course, no place is more judgmental than Hollywood, which is one reason why Page hasn't desired *Halifax* for Los Angeles. "I don't think I'm strong enough to survive down there, being a young female," she says. Why all being options as a precocious child, she adds, "I need to start making choices to play my own age and see if people are interested in that. If they're not, they're not. I'm pretty open to whatever wants to take place. If all of a sudden people stopped putting me in movies—it didn't break through that whole 'Oh, you're 16, you're good look' kind of thing—there are other things I love to do. The next is to move going on in the world than the 'fringe' film industry. But when you're down there it feels like it's the only thing because that's all people are interested with."

For now, Page's career seems in need of a sharp dip pasture from junk, she next plays a Young Republican in *Smart People*, with Dennis Quaid and Sarah Jessica Parker. And she's eager to shoot a new role as a love-struck teen in *Jack and Diane*. "It's amazing," says Page. "Every time I read the script I get all into it and I'm like, 'Oh, that's so cool!'" And what could be cooler than that? ■



WE'RE STALKING... RYAN GOSLING

The Canadian star has confirmed bonding up with actress Rachel McKenney, but women aren't flocking to him in a quiet way. "Women are mad at me," he says. "A girl came up to me and almost slapped me." Gosling, who shared with McKenney in the *Black Rick* The *Winkler*, says fans should be more sympathetic to the couple's state of mind. "I was mad and I should be getting hugs. Instead we're condemning everyone else." Girls: please go hug Ryan.

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RONALD REAGAN found about "barring the mighty air," but in his the most fully formed political philosophy of any recent president

Let's hear it for laconic leadership

'Phony energy' is a scourge. The best political candidates save real energy for real issues.

BY MARK STEYN

The most important lesson I ever learned about the theater came from Hal Prince, the director of *Phantom of the Opera*, producer of *West Side Story*, etc. He was talking about his mentor George Abbott, the great author and stage director of *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. Prince told me, "but there is never a dull moment on the stage. He never allowed a door for the sake of closing a door, he demanded it for a reason. There's so much phony energy in the theater. People think they're running around in circles like a crazed tiger, you're displaying energy. And in fact you're not. You can have energy in the simplest place in the world, and he knew that."

That applies beyond the theater. Contemporary politics is all about phony energy: about running around displaying doors for the sake of it—no, more to the point, opening them and running through a large sink of taxpayer dollars. Smith of the bookies, presidential candidate and actor Fred Thompson is currently under fire for being too "laid-back." His debate performances are said to be "under rehearsed." A barely discernible pause at the start of an answer was reported by the play-by-play pundits as a "senate moment."

Touted by his promoters as the new Reagan, Thompson has apparently emulated all the old Reagan fumes. He, too, was famously laconic, and said to drop off during after noon briefings in long cabinet meetings. He was prone to the phrase "within 10 minutes, etc." President Reagan never denied it. "They say hard work never killed anyone," he remarked, "but I figure, why take the chance?"

He did, though, confess during a particularly freight government units to "barring the mighty air." Ronald Reagan succeeded a chief executive who was the very definition of "phony energy," and whose failed presidency remains a monument to the folly of confusing perpetual activity with energy. In contrast to Jimmy Carter, Reagan came to office with the most fully formed political philosophy of any recent president. He had thought profoundly about the role of government and its relationship to individual liberty, and, crucially, had formed his views while doing other stuff. If instead of spending the fifteen minutes before and during TV shows and specifying for his General Electric he'd been a congressman or senator, I doubt he'd have developed any kind of coherent world view. But, in a sense, his job as one of his "laconic" and civility were an example of what literary critics call "intertextuality of the landscape." They're right to believe that "we are a nation that has a government, not the other way round." To voters, Reaganism Canada gives the impression that it's a government that has a nation. The European Union is a technocrat bureaucracy that has unity as a tactic.

So what I look for in a candidate is, first, an absence of phony energy and, second, signs of real energy. I can live with a Fred Thompson "senate moment" compared to most of the alternatives. In that sense debate, the more damaging answer (came from Mitt Romney in response to an arcane hypothesis about whether boarding from required congressional approval. "You sit down with your attorneys," began the former governor. "We're going to let the lawyers sort out what we need to do and what we don't need to do."



THE HARDEST WORK is making it look easy

story to be true because his conversational sagacity reflects his belief in presidential government: he was a magnificence man; and he viewed highly popular firms suddenly talk on their own terms. "If the government goes on business on any large scale, we soon find that the beneficiaries except to play a large part in the control. While to theory it is to serve the public, in practice it will be very largely serving private interests. It comes to be regarded as a species of government favor, and those who are the most afraid get the larger part of it."

Exactly. The best political deployment



THE HIGH PRIEST of phony energy, Clinton considered the dead of 9/11 to be a tribute to his own hard work on America's behalf

of Clinton's "you lose" line came from Reagan. In 1987, after hitting a heavily disputed question on U.S.-Soviet relations, the Upper said Richard Allen whether it like to hear his own theory of the Cold War. Sure, said Allen. "We was, hey, we was," said Reagan. "What do you think about that?"

Thirty years ago, at the height of "democracy" in a Western world led by Carter, Callaghan, Carter, Brandt and Thatcher, was certainly different. But we remember it now not just because he said it, nor even just because he meant it, but because he'd given us a single word to have to accomplish it. When everyone else was running around clanking doors, he lay

"The people who died represent, in any sense, not only the best of America," he said. "But the best of the world that I worked hard for eight years to build." It seems even the dead of Lower Manhattan are a testament to Clinton's "hard work." Shouldn't they be saying that the hardest work is making a look easy. George Bush's slipping down the street slaps at the man doesn't work unless it's like a car accident, and it does take plenty of rehearsal. On the other hand, when some Vegas lounge act does that ungraceful bow to ungraceful the look how hard I'm working, it's usually a good sign he isn't. President Clinton was the Louisa Archer Chief.

THESE WASN'T A SINGLE MORNING, CLINTON SAID, WHEN HE DIDN'T WAKE UP THINKING ABOUT MAKING LIFE BETTER FOR AMERICANS

Clinton was the guy with the real energy.

As for phony energy, consider Bill Clinton. Back in 1998, when he was leading off the first few minutes of the Moscow business, President Clinton said to say that much as he'd like to resign, based on to Al Gore and sit on the beach all day, he had no choice but to serve the leaders of the office and "get back to working for the American people." There wasn't a single morning, he assured the public, that he didn't wake up thinking about how he could make life better for the American people. It's a lie, Clinton said, it's hardly my place to tell the American people that the best response to this is "Oh, bigger oil, you know, nuclear, nuclear." The founding principle of the republic is that the American people are perfectly capable of making life better for themselves, and all you want to do is to get out of the way. That goes for the Canadian people, and the British people, and the Spanish people, and pretty much any other reasonably competent citizenry. The height of Bill Clinton's self-constructive belief in his own indispensability came in his "tribute" to the victims of 9/11.

For those of us who believe in it, "small government" sometimes feels like searching for a needle in a haystack. No such one nature government, by definition, comes only in sizes marked Big, Extra Large, and Super size. In reality, Big Government is Big like the T. Rex, large bladed body that they find. When Clinton declared that the era of Big Government was over, he was right in a sense: henceforth, in the post-9/11 world, Big Government would be replaced by loss and loss of Small Government, no policies on this, micro-politics on that, that automatically add up to be even more costly than Big Government. But along the way, the core elements of government—national defense, strategic foreign policy—

My ideal candidate in this round would have real energy for the handful of key questions and, when it comes to great metropolitan spending, would take a Reagan-esque step and then would a Clinton-esque step. But from 2001, there is no election. Campaign 2004 looks like one of those phony forms with everyone running around opening and clanking doors. And at least with Clinton, the stage was a fairly style truster: dropper. ■

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GETTING TO KNOW HQ: Farmer Direct will tell you where your steak feeds, what it ate, who raised it, and who killed it

Hi, I'm Al, I'll be your food tonight

A new beef co-op is figuring that the better we know our meat, the more we'll eat

BY PAMELA CUTHBERT • A little knowledge can be a dangerous thing. That's what Jason Freeman of the Farmer Direct Co-op store believes, as he wants you to know everything about the cow that made a farm piece of your plate: where it lived, what it ate, who raised it, and who killed it. It's business as usual on the project, given the right conditions, this knowledge will lead consumers not straight to a vegan diet but to another, hungrier for a steaming steak.

Freeman, one of the founders of the six-year-old Regina-based co-op, works with farmers in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba to promote direct connections between consumers and farmers and, in the process, develop a transparent food chain. The 70-member group, made up of certified-organic grain and cattle farmers and family-owned and operated, has lately started a beef program along with that foundation: create a code consumers can scan to go to a website to learn about the life and times of their meat.

Each cow's file includes a portrait of the farm and the family that runs it, raising conditions and lifespan of the animals and, at the end of the file, details of the slaughterhouse. Freeman would like to add more details, including the breed of cattle, the kind of feed, even the farmers' phone numbers, so the curious-minded could call for more.

In this industrial age of anonymous food sources and food-borne diseases such as EHEC (bovine spongiform encephalopathy), the need for traceability is an issue. And while the rising demand for organic-certified foods reflects a common concern for safe and healthy food supplies, the system for guaranteeing the organic label as "proving beef." Hence the latest trend for "locavores." As of this

month, Pinta Farms in Toronto is the first supermarket to stock foods marked with a bold "LFF" stamp. It means that the co-op's profit goes to Local Food Plus, has certified the food's sources as environmentally and socially responsible according to its standards.

Farmer Direct wants to go the extra mile. Don Rogers, owner of a certified-organic mixed farm in Corns, Alta., is the beef program's first member and power buy. "When we put out a good product we like to let consumers know where it came from," he says.

Schroeder Grocers of the Vancouver shop Sebastian & Co Fine Organic Meats supplies beef from Rogers' farm. His pigs \$2.98 per pound shipped—a comparable price to larger suppliers—and premium "more organic source." Some buyers are interested in the story of Rogers' farm while others just come for the quality of the meat—hanging the ribs to age for 45 days, a practice held by the best butchers, creates a tender product.

It takes a strict set of criteria to become a member of Farmer Direct. The group's system of "no-score" aims to help protect wild habitats and promote the use of land in addition to other environmentally conscious practices. "We need to go beyond organic certification," explains Freeman. "We add production to make sure the farmer is following our standards." There is a trade-off

for members. "It's not saying to the farmer that if you follow these six practices, the market will provide you with a fair price."

Generally, fair-trade labels apply to coffee producers and other growers who work in very poor conditions in developing nations. But Farmer Direct is addressing an ongoing concern in Canada for family-operated farms, implements a domestic fair-trade standard. That means most of the labour must be done by the workers. When labour is hard, they must have access to representation and collective bargaining. When it's done to bring the food to market, the price is determined through an open exchange between farmer and buyer through the co-op.

Foodways farming, whereby humans and other products are produced on the farm in a self-sustaining system that can help increase farm income and sustainability, may be the next step in the co-operative. Despite all this, Farmer Direct is in the business of securing business from industry that is highly polluting and destructive to the environment. A recent report from the UN noted 70 per cent of the world's agricultural land is used for raising livestock, these animals account for 14 per cent of greenhouse gas emissions. "We produce way too much meat in North America," says Freeman. "How do you increase that to an ethical standard?" It's not a rhetorical question. "We shouldn't be accepting any cheap meat," he replies. In fact, "we should eat less meat." ■



TODAY'S SPECIAL... TOASTER SCHNITZELS

Germans who crave traditional food but don't have time to prepare it can look forward to a new convenience from the meat company Theresen's. "Toaster schnitzels." Made with pork and covered in bread crumbs, like traditional schnitzels, they cook in any toaster in three minutes. German sausage expert, a company spokesman, says it took two years to create "schnitzels" that don't overcook or burn when you put them in the toaster.

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'No man? No problem!' Advice for women wondering if they should raise a child alone.

One woman told us that what she likes about solo parenthood, in this age of divorce, is the thought she'll never have to tell her kid "why Daddy's no longer here." Her kid will never suffer the "messiness" and remain

MOST IMPROVED
After bedmouthing Robert Griffin, Cowmere in Rome of Vt. he says his remarks of being off-colours meant of discipline. One critic describes

FRANCIS FORD COPPOLA
 rising from Al Pacino, Jack Nicholson and
 the genre has decided to zip it. During the
 week without Ford, his first film in a decade,
 were out of context—like scoring the actors
 and tried. But while he's rediscovered the
 audiences in Rome weren't so thoughtful
 his new film as a "mohawk."



Let me begin by saying: I apologize—to you, J. P., and to all members of my species. With the answer of the night, I realize now

It's just like old times, except that Diamond Dave's legendary "leg kicks" have been replaced by Diamond Dave's new state-of-the-art "wobbles."

Dear Scott, I keep reading Van Halen is back on tour. This is some sort of hoax, right?

Dear Scott: I can't believe some Liberal MP wants the House of Commons to officially name Oct. 15 as Perry Effect Trade's Day every

ON THE WEB: For Scott, Facebook's link on the sites of the day kept his blog www.machines.ca/facebook.

ON THE WEB: For Scott, Facebook's take on the news of the day isn't his blog www.madscience.ca/teachout.

MICHAEL KENNETH WILLIAM BROOKER

1988-2007

He was a tiny, lovable, hard-living panhandler who hated being told to get his bike off the street

Michael Kenneth William Brooker was born in Halifax on Feb. 11, 1988, the first son of Derek Brooker and Tammy Delaney. He was a very sick baby. His body was covered in red eczema rashes, and his asthma was so bad that his mother was always at the hospital. It wasn't until Michael was six months old that the doctors discovered the cause of his ailments: he was born with Silver-Russell syndrome (SRS), a form of dwarfism. "When he was five years old, he looked no bigger than a nine-month-old baby," Tammy says. As an adult, he stood a few inches shy of five feet.

Michael was still an infant when his parents split up. Tammy and her three children—Laurie-Ann (a daughter from a previous relationship), Michael and J.C.—moved to an apartment in Dartmouth. Michael was so small, his mother would often find him sitting inside the toilet bowl, playing with his toy boats. "He was just the cutest thing you've ever seen," says his uncle, Bill Delaney. A few years later, when Michael started walking to school on his own, more than one neighbour felt compelled to call 911. "When you see this kid—looking no bigger than a two-year-old—walking down the street with a school bag on his shoulder, you're going to call somebody," Tammy says.

When Michael was 8, the family moved in with Tammy's new partner, Kenneth Denney. The couple had two more children, Kyle and Alicia. It was now a full house—five kids in all—but Michael, despite his tiny frame, was impossible to miss. He was loud and intense, and he loved to tell stories. Everyone who knew him well describes him the same way: lovable one minute, annoying the next. "If you didn't like him, he'd make you like him," Bill says. "He didn't like not being liked, so he would do everything in his power to try to convince you that he wasn't that bad of a guy." It was difficult sometimes. Michael had trouble controlling his temper, and would often lash out at school and at home. "We got in all kinds of trouble," says his brother, J.C. "The usual stuff." Stealing candy from the corner store. Jumping on police cars. Drinking. Michael loved the vodka coolers that bear his name: Mike's Hard Lemonade.

By the time he was 12, Michael's mother was spending most of her time at the bar, dropping money in VLT machines. When she finally checked herself into counselling, the authorities placed her four young-

est children into foster care. Although he was devastated, Michael came to love his new foster parents, Bob and Sheila Pearl. "He was no bigger than a fart in a mitten," Bob says affectionately. "You couldn't stay mad at Mike. He just wanted to do things his way." Michael smoked weed, never finished Grade 9, and put on a tough facade. He even poked fun at his own body, dubbing himself "Midget Mike." But at heart, he was a sensitive kid. And when strangers inevitably ridiculed his size, it stung. One day, J.C. and Michael were riding their bikes in Gaetz Brook, N.S., when a driver rolled down his window and yelled: "Get off the road you short f---!"

Tammy regained custody of her children, but Michael never went back to Dartmouth. By age 16, he had a new home: the streets of downtown Halifax. He spent his nights sleeping in shelters and his days begging for change outside the Shopper's Drug Mart on Spring Garden Road. Everyone knew him. He was the midget panhandler with a Dairy Queen cup and an Ottawa Senators jersey. Bill once spotted him in front of a Tim Hortons, sitting in a wheelchair. When his uncle asked if he was all right, Michael could only smile. "Sometimes you just have to use your imagination to get more money," he said. Michael wasn't greedy, though. If one of his homeless friends needed a burger or a pack of smokes, he always paid.

Michael kept in touch with his mother. During one phone call

earlier this year, he was livid. Another driver had told him to get his "midget a--" off the road. "It really bothered him when people did that," his mother says. "It happened all the time—all the time."

Still, Michael seemed happier than ever in recent months. With the help of staff at the Phoenix Youth Shelter, he was studying for his high-school equivalency exam. He also completed a cooking course, and was working part-time as a dishwasher in a local pub. In July, his 17-year-old girlfriend, Amanda Knight, told him she was pregnant. "He was very excited to be a daddy," she says. "He would have been the most incredible father."

On Oct. 11, after a night at a shelter, Michael ate breakfast at a church on Barrington Street, then climbed onto his green mountain bike and pedalled away. He rode on the sidewalk, not the street. Shortly before 9 a.m., Michael swerved to avoid a pedestrian and toppled onto the road. The truck driver had no time to react.

BY MICHAEL FRISCOLANTI

